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CHINA'S CURRENCY TO BE REPLACED

Japanese Suspects Re-Arrested

Two suspected War Criminals, Maj-Gen. Kinoshita Eichi and Sgt-Major Yoshida Bunzo, who were released from Stanley Gulch last March, were re-arrested in Japan last week.

Arrangements are now being made to return them to Hong Kong to face trial before a British Military War Crimes Court.

Kinoshita and Yoshida will be charged with being concerned in the torture and ill-treatment of internees, which is alleged to have taken place at Bridge House, Shanghai, during 1943. They will also be charged with being concerned in the death of William Hutton, who was a Chief Inspector of the Shanghai Police Force.

Kinoshita and Yoshida were held in custody in Stanley Gulch until March this year, but owing to insufficient evidence held against them at this stage, the charges were dropped and they were released and repatriated to Japan.

In June this year the War Minister (Mr. Emmanuel Shinwell) ordered this case to be re-opened for further investigation. This is now in progress and it is hoped to bring them to trial in Hong Kong the first week in October.

SMUGGLING OF ARMS FROM AMOY

Manila, August 19. Mr. D.B. Monroe, Customs Commissioner of Amoy, in a communication to the Philippine Customs Commissioner (Mr. Alfredo de Rona) disclosed flagrant smuggling of arms and ammunition from Manila to Amoy aboard ships.

Mr. Monroe said arms were being smuggled by an unknown gang to an unknown destination through Amoy and he cited three known cases of smuggling attempts.

He said arms and ammunition intercepted by the Customs at Amoy included 100 submachine guns, 100 pistols, one carbine and 5,541 rounds of different kinds of ammunition.

Mr. Monroe suggested that gun-running could be more effectively checked at the point of origin. The Philippine port authorities are investigating.—United Press.

SHAH IN ROME

Rome, August 18. Shah Riza Pahlavi, of Persia, arrived here for a four-day visit today in the Italian Presidential plane, escorted by a squadron of Italian fighters.—Reuter.

Berlin May Have Another Currency

Berlin, August 19.

Berlin's city government may issue its own currency in an attempt to unravel the city's East-West monetary snarl.

The anti-Communist city administration announced last night it is debating two plans as a solution to the currency mixup, resulting from circulation here of rival eastern and western marks: 1—To issue an emergency currency for the city. 2—To make the western mark exclusive currency in Western Berlin in order to overcome the difficulties caused by the Soviet blocking of eastern mark accounts in the city's western sectors.

Two Currencies

In Western Berlin both the eastern and western German currencies now are legal. In the Soviet sector only the eastern mark is valid.

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4 New "Sun" Dollars Will Equal One US\$ MOVE TO KILL INFLATION

Nanking, August 19.

The Kuomintang's Central Political Council decided this afternoon that China is to get new currency to be known as the "Sun currency."

ECA Funds To Buy Machinery

Nanking, August 19.

Mr. Roger Lapham told a news conference that an agreement had been reached with China's Premier to allocate US\$70,000,000 from ECA funds for industrial reconstruction and purchase of replacement spare machinery for China.

Mr. Lapham said a survey showed China's situation on spare parts machinery was much worse than previously believed. At least half of the allocation will be committed to their purchase. "This amount will be in the nature of a grant to the Government, but those who receive equipment will repay costs in Chinese currency," he said.

Mr. Lapham added that a new report would be made to the United States Government soon. He said no decision was yet made on the question of applying Chinese currency balances of ECA funds to help balance the national budget. He said, however, it was not possible to transfer such funds directly to the Chinese treasury but they would have to be used to curb inflation, which in turn would assist in balancing the budget.—Associated Press.

Wholesale Plantation Destruction

Wholesale destruction on many rubber and coffee plantations occurred in Malaya, according to information received yesterday by Messrs. J. A. Wattle and Company, Limited.

Mr. W. Welch, Director of the company, said that according to information received by his firm, the estates concerned are owned by the Anglo-Dutch (Java) Plantations, Limited, Anglo-Java Estates, Limited, Java Consolidated Rubber and Coffee Estate, Limited, Kroeboek Java Plantations, Limited, and Zingbe Rubber Company, Limited.

This momentous conference—the first definite official move to kill the present inflation—was presided over by President Chiang Kai-shek.

According to the Council's decision, the Sun currency, when issued, will have a rate of CN\$3,000,000 to one new Sun dollar.

The rate of exchange between the United States dollar and the Sun currency will be four Sun dollars to one United States dollar, while the pound sterling rate will be determined on the basis of the fixed rate between the pound sterling and the United States dollar.

Meanwhile, the Shanghai Bankers' Guild today officially notified all banks and institutions in the city to suspend operations as from tomorrow for at least two days, pending adjustment of the new currency measures.

Subdued Optimism

Financial circles in Shanghai—the centre of China's commerce and industry—received the news concerning the impending currency reform with subdued optimism.

They said that unless that new currency is sufficiently well-backed, it is likely to go the way of the old inflation-ridden national dollar.

These circles anticipate further on the market tomorrow and over the weekend as the banks' closures will permit no further withdrawal until at least next week.

Reserved speculation was the tone of official comment of foreign bankers in Shanghai tonight concerning the Government's monetary reform.

"Unless they have something to back it up with which we don't know about, this is simply a matter of knocking off zeros," one senior official said.

Manipulators Agitated

Fears were expressed that the suspension in trading for at least two days will create great difficulties and confusion, and might even result in labour troubles on Saturday, when cotton mill operators will expect their wage packets.

Currency manipulators were caught short tonight with trillions of almost worthless paper. They were very agitated, and at first refused to believe the news which burst upon the city like a bombshell.

Reuters Bureau here was besieged with telephone calls from brokers, businessmen and the general public, seeking confirmation.—Reuter.

NZ POUND APPRECIATED

Wellington, August 19.

Mr. Walter Nash, New Zealand Finance Minister, announced here today at the end of the budget session in Parliament that the New Zealand Government had decided to appreciate its currency to parity with the Pound Sterling.

The present rate of the New Zealand Pound is 125 to 100 Sterling.—Reuter.

CHINA'S REQUEST FOR AID

Washington, August 18.

The Secretary of State, Mr. George Marshall, said at a news conference today that China has made requests for American arms amounting to only US\$18,000,000 out of the US\$125,000,000 which Congress provided for that purpose.

Some of the Chinese requests date back to March, and Mr. Marshall said he assumes deliveries have started.

Dr. Wellington Koo urged Mr. Marshall on Tuesday to help speed deliveries. Officials here said delays are due to complicated administrative procedure.—Associated Press.

S. African Immigration Restricted

Capetown, August 18.

The South African Government today announced that it would cancel assisted immigration—under which 70,000 Britons have entered the Union in the past two years.

Dr. T. E. Donaghy, Minister of the Interior, stated in the South African Assembly that the Union Castle Line had agreed to release the Government from the remaining financial obligations under the State-sponsored scheme. The Government would cease financing transport, except in special cases, he said.

The Union Government would continue to help immigrants already accepted by the London Committee of the South African Immigration Board and those who had already booked their passages with the Union Castle Line. The Government did not propose to exclude immigrants who could make a specific contribution to the prosperity of the country and fit into the national pattern and way of life, Dr. Donaghy declared.

"For such there will be room, but only the best will be good enough for South Africa," he said.

World Flight Abandoned

Mariagne, near Marseilles, August 19.

Mrs. Richarda Morrow-Tait, 24-year-old flying mother, today abandoned her round-the-world flight attempt.

She left Cambridge yesterday in her light Frecor aircraft, but her plane was damaged here in landing last night.—Reuter.

DOCTORS PUZZLED BY DROWSY MAN

A man who suffers from persistent drowsiness and falls asleep when left alone is puzzling doctors at the Queen Mary Hospital. They have not yet been able to find the cause of his illness, and cannot say whether or not it is a case of sleepy sickness, now prevalent in Japan.

The patient, 24-year-old Lai Shiu-kit, has been subject to drowsiness for the past three days. He is employed at the Royal Naval Hospital.

Lai visited his home at No. 308, Des Voeux Road, West, on Tuesday night. There he played a game of mahjong until midnight. He returned to work the following morning. At about 9 a.m. the same day he complained of a headache and went to lie down in the dormitory.

Attempts by his colleagues to wake him up at noon failed. Feeling anxious, they arranged for his admission to the Queen Mary Hospital. There he was awakened easily but fell asleep immediately he was left alone.

His blood and spinal fluid were tested but nothing abnormal was found.

Interviewed by the "China Mail" yesterday, Dr. G.H. Thomas, Acting Director of Medical

Tazang Explosion

Shanghai, August 19. The Director of the Military Supplies Bureau, Mr. Chen Chiang, told a press conference yesterday that the Tazang ammunition dump explosion was not the result of sabotage.

He thought the accident was caused through the careless moving of shells. He added a special court martial was being formed to try the superior officers responsible for the explosion.—Reuter.

India Loses Key Point

New Delhi, August 19.

An Indian Army communiqué today admitted the loss of Skardu, control point for the 16,000-foot Burji Pass and key to the northern approaches to Srinagar, 100 miles to the south.

The fort fell to pro-Pakistan forces on August 14—the day the United Nations Kashmir Commission offered the Indian Government a proposal for ceasefire at the end of the eighth month of warfare between the Indian Army and the Pakistan-supported Moslem rebels.

The communiqué said it was "presumed" the 200 soldiers of the Hindu Maharajah, Sir Hari Singh, state army were "overwhelmed" by the Pakistan Moslem attackers.

The state troops held the Indian river town against repeated Moslem attacks all winter although they were cut off by snow-blocked passes from Srinagar, main Indian Army base and state capital.

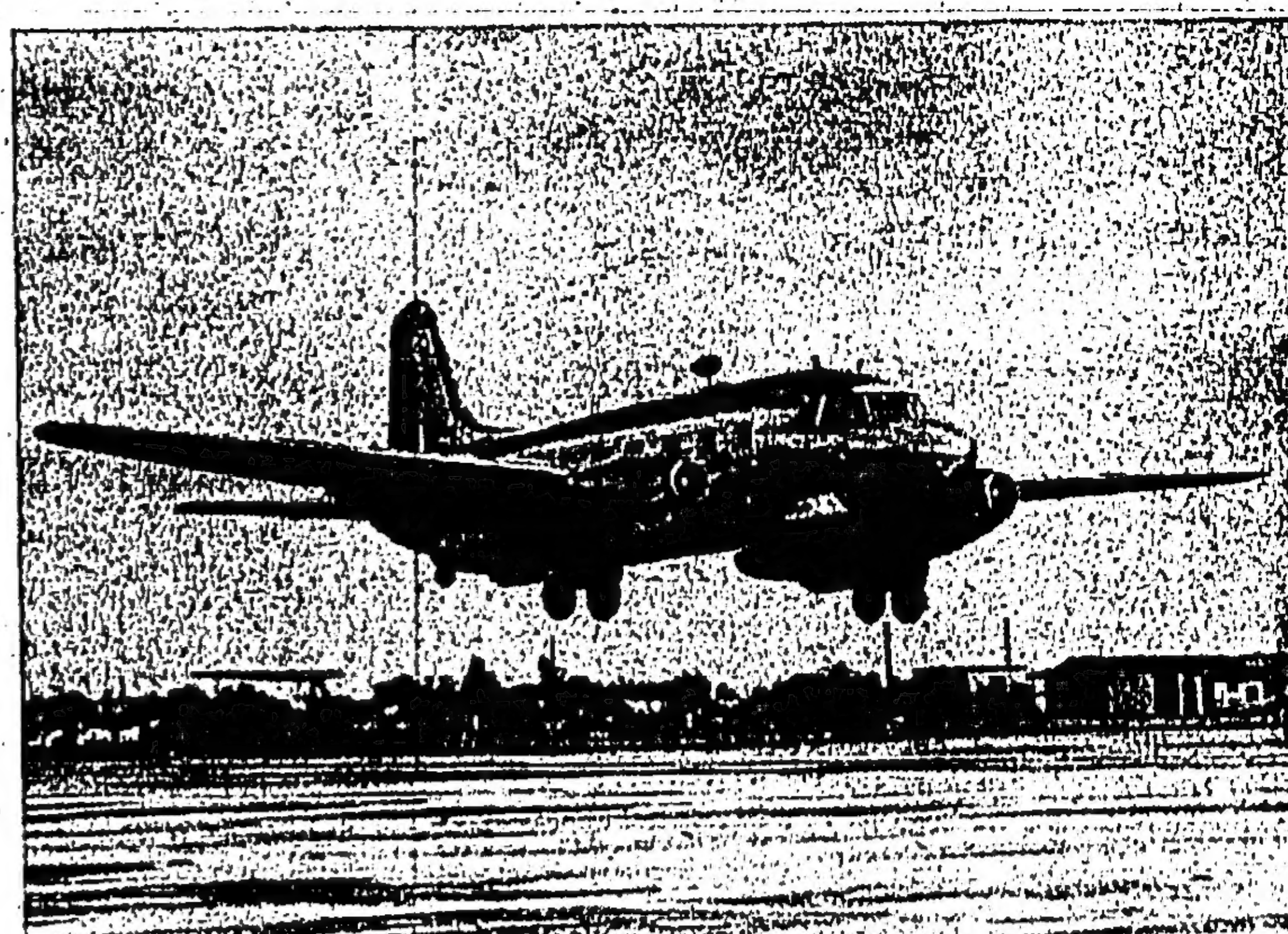
The Moslem attackers were believed to be based on Gilgit, mountainous tribal state bordering on the Soviet Union. Now occupied by the Pakistanis, Gilgit formerly paid tribute to Kashmir's Hindu Maharajah. The tribal area was occupied by the British at the end of the nineteenth century to forestall Czarist Russian expansion into India.—United Press.

JAP TANKER'S VOYAGE

Singapore, August 18.

The first Japanese vessel to call at Singapore since the war, the 10,000-ton tanker Toa Maru, arrived here today after an 11-day non-stop voyage from Yokohama.

The ship is proceeding to Bahrain, in the Persian Gulf, to load 14,000 tons of oil for the Japanese Government. Five more Japanese tankers, replacing American vessels, are expected at Singapore this week en route to Bahrain.—Reuter.



THE WORLD'S first jet airliner—the British Nene Viking—about to touch-down at the end of a record-breaking trip from Paris. The aircraft covered the 217-mile flight in 34 minutes—an average speed of 394 miles an hour.—AP Photo.

Situation In Jerusalem "Getting Out Of Hand"

Stockholm, August 19.

Count Folke Bernadotte said today the situation in Jerusalem is "gradually getting out of hand." He asked the United Nations Security Council to take prompt action to halt Arab-Jewish strife in the Holy City.

In a message to the Security Council, Bernadotte said: "It should be borne in mind that further deterioration of the situation in Jerusalem may lead to general resumption of hostilities."

The United Nations had asked Arabs and Jews to accept a new cease-fire effective last Friday morning. But the bitterest fighting since the second Palestine truce began raged throughout last Friday night.

Bernadotte's aides said Security Council action could take the form of warnings or sanctions against the side found to be violating the truce ordered by the Security Council in a July 15 resolution.

"Under prevailing conditions it is difficult to assess responsibility and idle to try to ascertain which of the parties is more to blame," Bernadotte said, adding:

NEW DEATHS IN ENCEPHALITIS EPIDEMIC

Tokyo, August 19.

Tokyo's encephalitis epidemic claimed 24 more deaths and 68 new cases today, raising the metropolitan area death toll to 244 and the number of victims to 1,457.

United States army medical officers reported a total of eight suspected cases among occupation personnel, including five soldiers, two dependents and one army civilian employee. One of the two dependents, a 10-year-old boy, died with "clinical but no positive symptoms of the Japanese B encephalitis," medical officials said.

Japanese officials could not give complete figures on the epidemic toll for all Japan since many areas have not reported, but estimates of the total cases ran above 2,000.

Eighty per cent of the victims of the dread "sleeping sickness" had been under 20 years of age.—United Press.

The Weather

Pressure is high in a ridge which extends from G. China towards Tibet. It is low in a trough across the China Sea from Amoy to the Luzon Strait thence northeastward to a depression NE of Tokyo which continues to move northeastward.

A depression which has formed about 160 to 180 miles W of Luzon is practically stationary. It may intensify and move northwestward.

Today's Forecast—Moderate easterly winds. Partly cloudy. Isolated showers mainly overnight.

Yesterday's Weather—Maximum 88.1 deg. Felt. Minimum 78.5 deg. Felt. Sunshine 4.5 hours. Rainfall 0.3 mm. 0.04 in. Total since Jan. 1—148.1 mm. 5.826 in. as against an average of 144.5 mm. 5.689 in.

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Resource Of Love

Paris, August 18.

Lucien Legras returned here yesterday to see his girl friend and try to make up with her.

The girl friend kicked him out of the door, and Legras tried to climb back in through the window. In breaking a glass he severed an artery in his hand and bled to death.—United Press.

Piracy On East River

Canton, August 18.

The prevalence of piracy along the East River is causing much concern to shipping companies operating services along this route.

Few vessels operating along the East River have reached their destinations safely and, it is understood, shipping owners are contemplating an appeal to the local authorities to provide more adequate protection along this river.

The latest piracy report from this area states that pirates who intercepted a motor vessel near Wanchow, 60 miles north-east of Hong Kong, made off with a haul of some CN\$700,000 million.—Reuter.

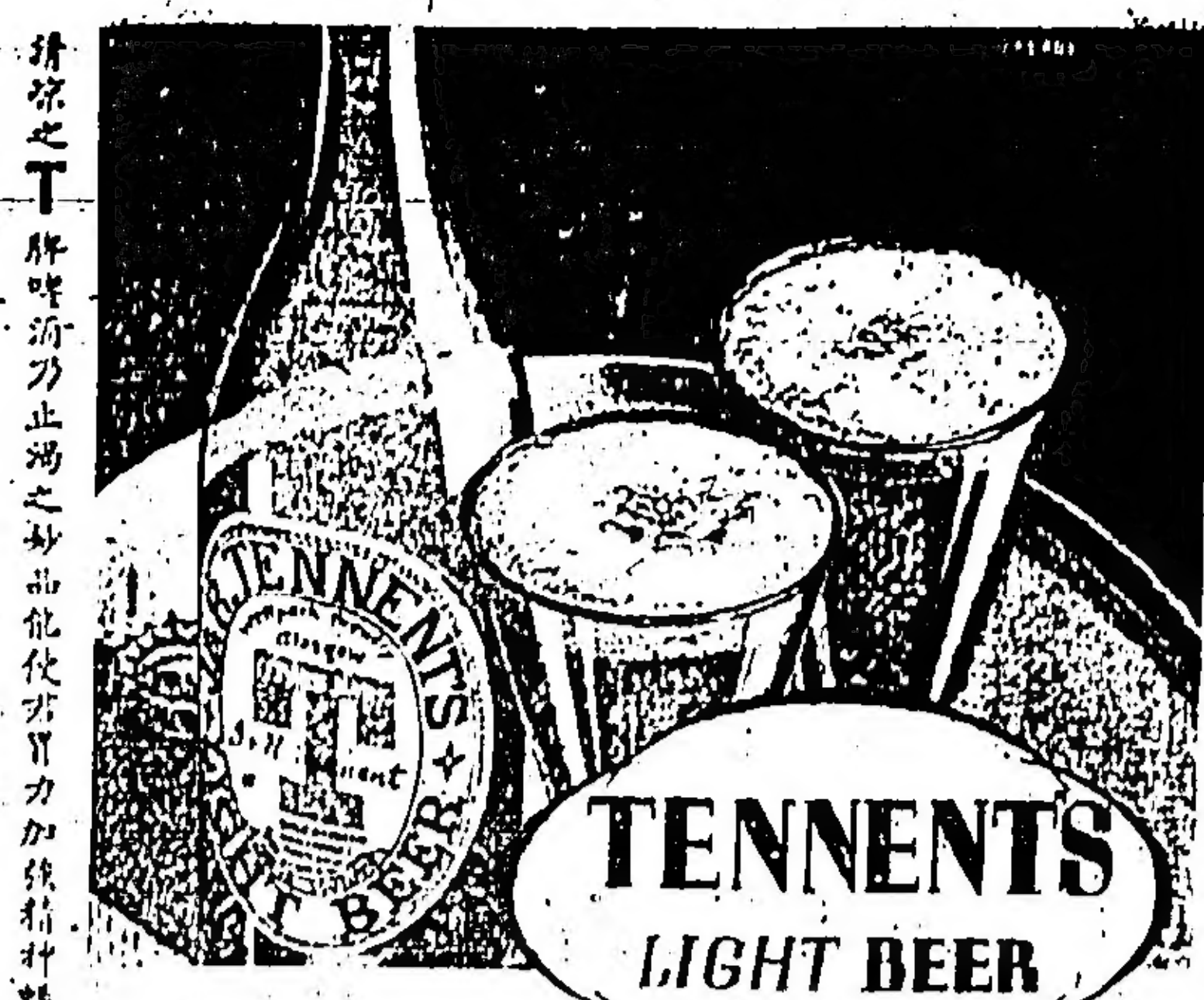
ITALIAN STEAMER VISITING

The Nirvo, believed to be the first Italian steamer to visit Hong Kong after the liberation, arrived yesterday with a load of coal.

The 3118-ton vessel is skippered by Mr. A. Scaramellino. She came from Calcutta via the Straits, and is now anchored at Buoy No. 9.

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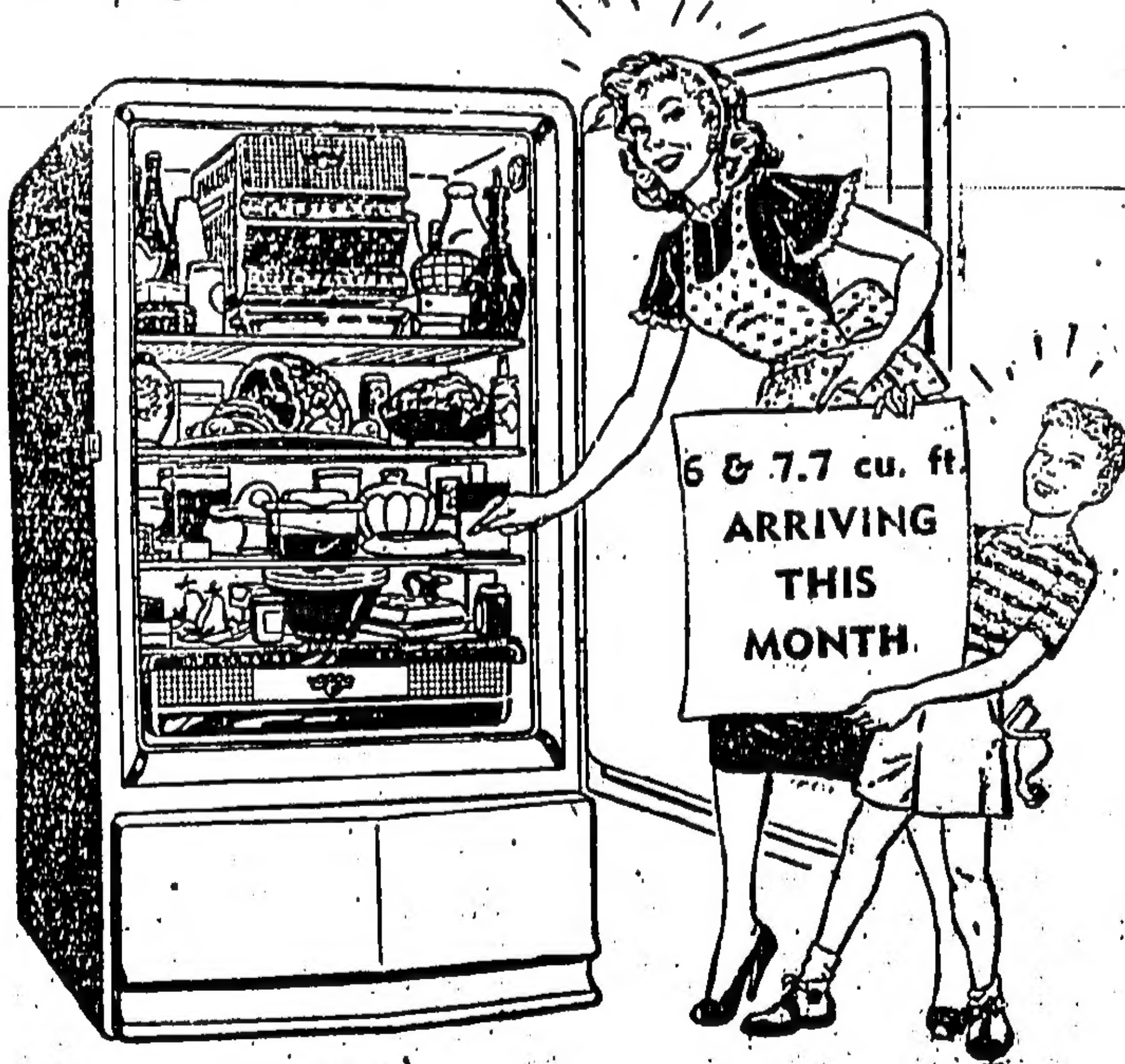
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GAOL AND CANE FOR ROBBERY

Six years' hard labour and 12 strokes of the cane was the sentence passed by Mr. Justice Gould yesterday on Lai Chi-yu, aged 25, for armed robbery.

Dangerous Driving Alleged

There was a further sequel to a traffic accident at the junction of Boundary Street and Yu Chau Street on Monday afternoon, in which a five-year-old boy was killed, in Mr. J. Wicks' court at Kowloon yesterday.

Tau Kam, 24 years, described as a lorry assistant residing at 7 Fuk Wing Street, ground floor, was charged by Traffic Sub-Inspector W. P. Apps with dangerous driving of lorry 6388, driving without due care and attention, and driving without a licence, at 12.50 p.m. on August 18.

Applying for a remand of 48 hours, TSI Apps said that the case is one of hit-and-run, and that the police had a lot of difficulty in locating defendant.

In connection with the same accident, the licencee of the lorry, Kwok Pui-yiu, 38-year-old woman of the same address, was charged before Mr. Wicks of Wednesday with failing to divulge the identity of the driver and with allowing the lorry to be driven by an unlicensed driver. She was remanded for a week.

LOITERERS BOUND OVER

Arraigned by Inspector T. Collins shortly after midnight yesterday, for loitering at Shanghai Street near Wing Sing Lane, four women were bound over in the sum of \$50 each for a year by Mr. J. Wicks at Kowloon later in the morning.

Defendants were Chan Lai-kuen and Chung Ah-lai, both aged 19, Chan Ying, 32 years, and Yu Lai-king, 24 years.

The offence took place on the evening of January 23 on the staircase leading up to 10 Queen's Road West, 1st floor. Accused, together with another not in custody, was alleged to have at the point of a revolver robbed Chan So, a salt fish hawk of a gold ring and a money box containing \$50.

A struggle took place, and both Lai and Chan rolled down the staircase. Lai escaped leaving the money box and the money behind.

Too Dark

Accused was not arrested until May 1. He could not, however, be identified by Chan So who said the staircase was very dark at the time of the robbery.

The jury, comprising four men and three women, deliberated for 40 minutes and returned a 5-2 verdict of guilty.

The prosecution was conducted by Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr, Assistant Crown Solicitor, assisted by Detective Inspector Cushman.

Accused, who was not legally represented, denied the charge.

Talk On Growing Of Rice

A talk on rice growing in Hong Kong was given by Mr. A. V. Young at the Kowloon Rotary Club weekly luncheon yesterday.

President F. C. Clemo, who presided said, the induction of seven new members, which will be the first to be held by the Club, will take place next Thursday, if they are approved by the committee.

Installation of the Club's charter, which has been received from Rotary International, will also take place next Thursday. Through the courtesy of Rotarian Gail of the Hong Kong Telephone Co., a loudspeaker system was introduced and put into use for the first time at the Club yesterday.

Visiting Rotarians welcomed by the President were Dr. M. Weiss from Peking, Horrie Kadoorie from Shanghai, and H. A. Lam-mert, L. Kadoorie and F. E. Skinner from Hong Kong.

Guests present included Dr. J. E. Frommer, Dr. C. W. Lam, Messrs. K. T. Liu, J. W. Burke, W. Tundall, R. A. Crawford, J. J. Cameron, L. Easterbrook, T. H. Bourne, A. E. Pearson, M. L. Hardie, E. Joffe and C. Silas.

Mr. P. J. Griffiths appeared for Horton, Mr. Y. K. Kan for Smith, Mr. M. A. de Silva for Stewart, Messrs. Chan and Mr. A. S. C. Comber for Chan.

Detective Sub-Inspector G. E. Willerton conducted the prosecution.

Eric Nunn said that he was a warrant officer and was in charge of the Spare Parts Distribution Depot of the Royal Naval Dockyard. In January he was in

AMERICANS USE TANKS TO BREAK JAP STRIKE

Driver Not Wanted On Road

Taking a right-hand bend at 50 miles per hour, taxi 4500 turned over on its side and skidded 78 feet before it came to a stop. The cab was badly damaged, and the driver and the sole passenger slightly injured.

When the driver, 30-year-old Leung Shing, was charged before Mr. J. Wicks at Kowloon yesterday with dangerous driving at Clear Water Bay Road on August 18, Traffic Sub-Inspector W. P. Apps asked for a recommendation that the licence be suspended.

"Defendant needs a very good lesson. The accident was the result of speeding and might easily have resulted in the death of two persons. Although suspension of his driving licence means depriving him of his means making his living, I think that is the only way to bring the lesson home to him," said TSI Apps.

The prosecuting officer revealed that any fine that might be imposed would not "hit the defendant personally" as it would be paid out of the common pool among all the drivers of the taxi company.

Defendant was fined \$200, with the recommendation that his licence be suspended for three months.

The facts of the case were that defendant was driving a Royal Air Force corporal back to Kai Tak and, on Clear Water Bay Road, was going at 50 m.p.h. The speed allowed on that wide road is 30 miles per hour.

While taking a right-hand bend, without slackening speed, the taxi turned over on its side and skidded 78 feet before it stopped.

"Defendant," concluded TSI Apps, "is not a man we want on the roads."

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Sherman Tanks

The American show of strength outside the studio began early this morning with the arrival of six jeeps loaded with carbine-armed military police. They were reinforced about 9.00 a.m. by infantry platoons who, after ordering Allied civilians to move from the scene, thereafter deployed in the heavy foliage surrounding the studio.

They were followed by six armoured cars which patrolled up and down outside the studio and later by three Sherman tanks which took up positions immediately in front of the studio with their 70-millimetre guns covering the entrance.

The American troops were commanded by Brigadier General Hoffman of the 1st Cavalry Division. Major General Chase, the commander of the Division, was overhead during the operation in an observation plane.

Counsel Make Strong Protest

Strong objections to the admission of evidence regarding an incident which had nothing to do with the present case, were made by defence counsel before Mr. Hin-shing Lo at Central yesterday.

The case is one in which three Europeans and three Chinese are charged in connection with a conspiracy to steal two marine engines from the Royal Naval Dockyard.

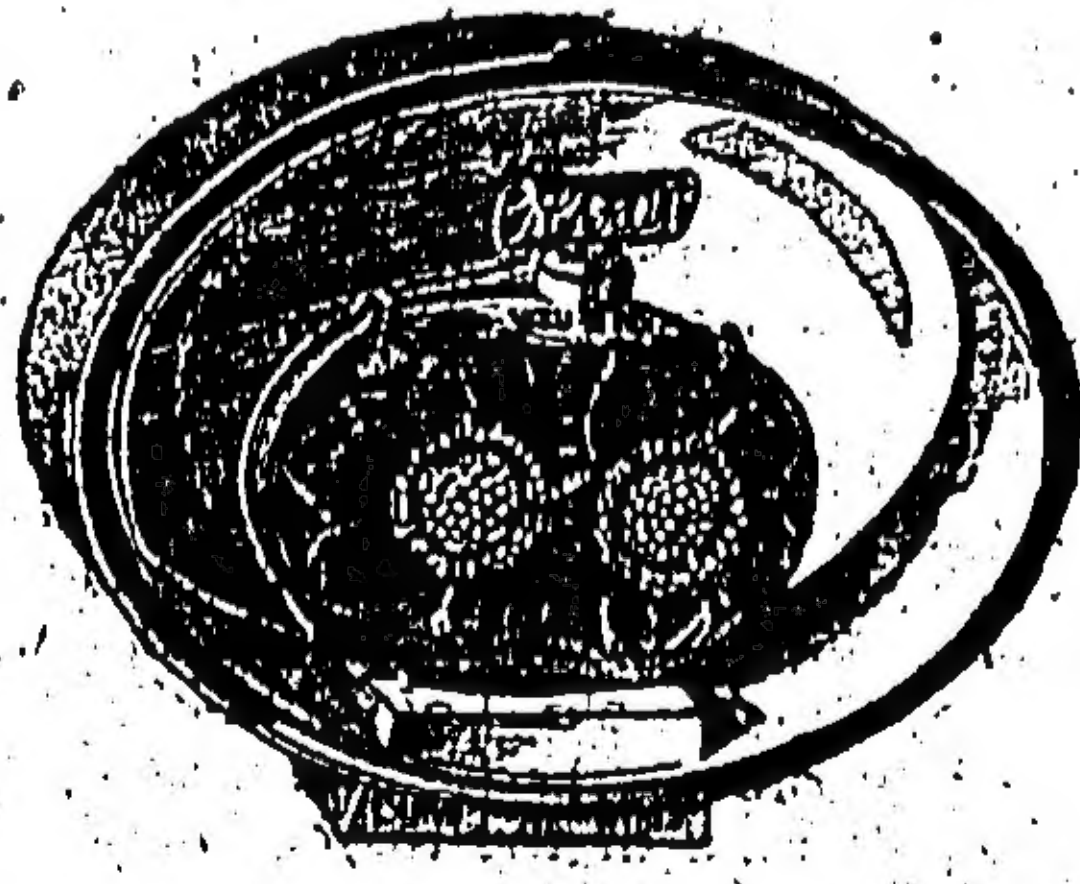
Petty Officer J. C. Horton is charged with the theft of two engines and with conspiracy to steal the engines. W. F. Smith and R. G. Stewart are charged with conspiracy.

Cheung Chul, foreman, Chau Yuen, shop master, and Dennis Khan, merchant, are charged with receiving two marine engines knowing that they were stolen property.

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Bayonet Could Be Dagger

Two parts of a rusty American-type bayonet and a clasp knife which, according to Detective Sub-Inspector C. J. Askew, could be converted into a dagger within a couple of seconds, were exhibits in Mr. J. Wicks' court at Kowloon yesterday.

The possessor of these weapons was Chan Lai alius Chan Kai-kung, 25-year-old master of a class IV boat who, on pleading guilty to the charge of possession of arms, was fined \$100.

His three foks, Lo Tai alius Lo Kwai-ho, Lam Kam alius Lam Tak-wing, and Leung Lai-tai, a 42-year-old widow, and his 17-year-old wife, Kwok Mui-tau, were discharged with a caution.

DSI Askew said that the defendant's junk, No. 3479, put in at Tai Po harbour on the evening of August 11. As this boat was a stranger in the harbour, Detective-Sergeant Tang Cheung boarded and searched her.

In a rattan basket in the middle of the boat, the police found a dagger (in reality half of a bayonet), in the rear part of the craft, the detective saw a box and asked defendant's wife to open it.

She did so and immediately took something from inside. This proved to be the clasp knife.

The clasp knife, with defendant and his foks, were brought back to Kowloon. After questioning the defendants, DSI Askew went to the Yau-mat typhoon shelter and boarded a house boat belonging to Chan's father. On board he found the other half of the bayonet.

DSI Askew said that the police was not taking a very serious view of the case and suggested that Chan's wife and the foks should be cautioned.

BAIL FIXED

At Kowloon yesterday, Mr. J. Wicks fixed August 24 for hearing of the charge of carnal knowledge of a girl of 12 against Li Wai-ching, 49-year-old, basket maker, who was charged, Ho Man-lo, 72, on July 9.

Tsui Wai-ying, 45-year-old married woman of the same address, is being charged with aiding and abetting Li in the commission of the offence.

"Public Menace" Fined \$250

"You cannot drive without a licence. People like you are a danger to the public," said Mr. J. Wicks to Lam Chung-ling, 24-year-old merchant of 730 Nathan Road, first floor, at Kowloon yesterday.

Lam, charged with driving private car 7822 without a licence and without the owner's consent, pleaded that he was an experienced driver and held a licence before the war.

"Being a pre-war licensed driver you should know that you are not allowed to drive without a licence," said the magistrate.

Defendant, said, Inspector Orem, was seen by a constable at 4.30 a.m. on August 18 driving car 7822 near the Star Ferry. When asked to produce a licence, accused admitted that he had none.

The owner, Wong Ping-yu, when questioned by the police, said that he did not give defendant permission to use the car.

Colombo, August 18. The Ceylon Government today announced that it was giving 25,000 rupees in response to the appeal by Count Folke Bernadotte, the United Nations Palestine mediator, for assistance to alleviate the distress of Arab and Jewish refugees in Palestine. Reuters.

Alleged Robbers Committed

When arrested by Detective-Sergeant Li Chau-shing at Polho Street near Lanchow Road on the night of July 31, Ho Tong alius Ho Ting, 35-year-old shop foks, was alleged to have admitted participation in the bus robbery at Kowloon Fong on April 11.

He was further alleged, by Mr. Charles Mattian, Assistant Director of Criminal Intelligence (Kowloon), to have been identified by four of the victims "without hesitation" at an identification parade on August 2.

After evidence had been given by the victims and the police, Mr. J. Wicks committed accused for trial on the charge of armed robbery, with Cheung Hon-hung alius Cheung Pak-king and Wan Sun-hong, on board bus 4248 at Kowloon Fong on the night of April 11.

According to the prosecution, the bus left the Star Ferry terminus at 9 p.m. for Kowloon Fong, and was boarded by three men at the junction of Nathan Road and Prince Edward Road.

These men (two of whom were sentenced to nine years' hard labour and nine strokes of the cane in the June Sessions) took up different positions, one at the steps, another just behind the driver, and the third at the rear of the bus.

At Cumberland Road, two of the men drew guns and held up the passengers and the conductor, But Kwong. The third man kept guard over the driver who was instructed to keep driving. The robbers got off at Cornwall Road and escaped in the direction of the hills.

Two of the men were arrested by Detective-Sergeant Ho Ping at Shek Kip Mei Village on April 28.

American Seaman Charged

A double accident at Tai Po Road on the afternoon of August 15, involving motor car 601, bus 5071, and a pedestrian, was recalled before Mr. J. Wicks at Kowloon yesterday.

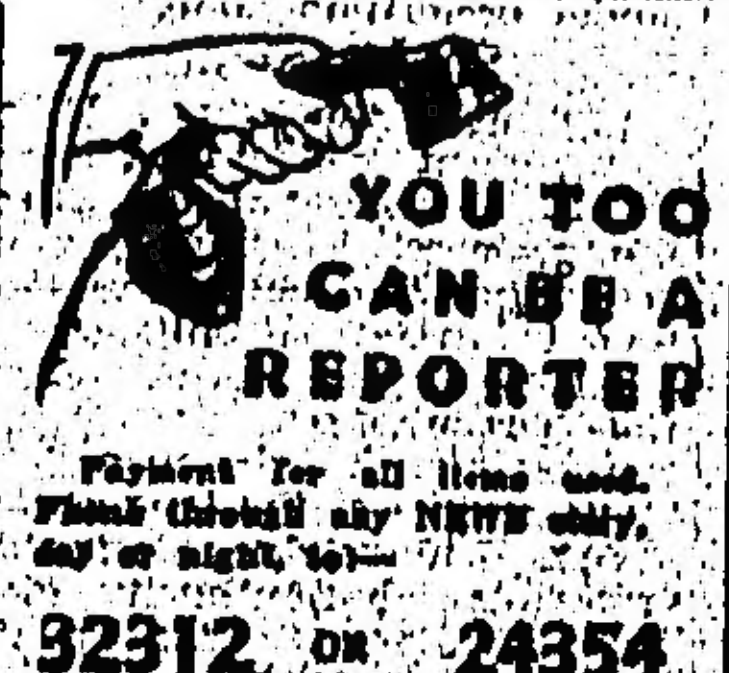
Carlton L. Crook, 27-year-old seaman of the Texas Oil Co's oil tanker Cedar Breaks, was brought before the court on the charge of aiding and abetting Joseph Crowley in driving away the van without the owner's permission.

Applying for a week's remand, Traffic Sub-Inspector W. P. Apps said that accused was one of the two men in the van. The other man, Crowley, was still in hospital.

"The van was badly smashed up, said TSI Apps who added that the pedestrian knocked down was still in a serious condition."

Defendant was remanded for a week on a bail of \$500.

(A police report for the accident stated that the van, containing the two Americans, knocked down a 62-year-old Chinese named Leung Sun-sang and then collided with the bus. Crowley was taken to the Kowloon Hospital immediately after the collision, suffering from concussion and internal injuries, while Crook, with superficial wounds, was admitted about 10 p.m.)



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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

It is hereby notified that the following Sale of Crown Land by Public Auction will be held at the Offices of the Public Works Department on Monday, the 23rd day of August, 1948 at 3 p.m.

Sale Conditions may be obtained and sale plan inspected at the Office of the Superintendent of Crown Lands and Surveys, Lower Albert Road, Hong Kong.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Location	Boundaries	Area in sq. ft.	Annual Rental	Upset Price
1	Inland Lot No. 6165 and building thereon.	Ventris Road, Happy Valley.	As per sale plan (Area edged red.)	12,400	\$870	\$155,000

Immediately after the fall of the hammer the purchaser shall according to the Conditions of Sale pay to the Auctioneer a sum of \$31,000 in cash or by cheque which shall be certified by the Bank on which it is drawn. The Bank must be a member of the Exchange Banks Association.

V. KENNIF, Director of Public Works.

Date: 4th August, 1948.

HONG KONG MINES LIMITED

COMPANIES (RE-CONSTRUCTION OF RECORDS) ORDINANCE, 1947.

Reconstruction of the Register of Members

Hongkong Mines Limited (hereinafter called "the Company") has applied to the Registrar of Companies for leave to reconstruct its Register of Members, under Section 12 (1) of the Companies (Re-construction of Records) Ordinance, 1947, as amended by Ordinance No. 29 of 1948.

The Statutory Declaration in support of the application and the exhibits thereto (being lists of persons who it is believed are entitled to be registered as shareholders of the Company) can be inspected on payment of the prescribed fees, in the office of the Registrar of Companies, Supreme Court, Hongkong. A copy of the Statutory Declaration and exhibits thereto may also be inspected at the Company's Registered Office, Prince's Building, Third Floor, Des Voeux Road Central, Victoria, Hongkong, during ordinary business hours.

All persons who claim to be entitled to be registered as shareholders of the Company are hereby required to notify the Company of their FULL NAMES AND ADDRESSES, upon which it is based WITHIN THREE MONTHS from the 13th day of August 1948.

Persons who hold Share Certificates and Instruments of Transfer in respect thereof (if any) are requested to produce them at the Company's Registered Office if this has not already been done. Shareholders who have lost their Share Certificates and have not already notified the Company of their loss—and given full particulars thereof—are requested to write to the Company giving all known particulars of the lost Certificates and the circumstances of the loss, when further information will be given as to other evidence required.

All notifications and communications must be sent to the Company addressed to the Registered Office, Third Floor, Prince's Building, Des Voeux Road Central, Victoria, Hongkong.

Hongkong, 12th August, 1948.
T. A. MARTIN & CO. Secretaries.

NOTICE

As from August 18 1948, we will have our own Exchange with the following Telephone Number 26601

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LANE, CRAWFORD, LIMITED

NOTICE is hereby given that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held on Thursday, 20th August, 1948, at the Jacobean Room in the Hong Kong Hotel, Pedder Street, Hong Kong, in the Colony of Hong Kong, immediately following the Ordinary Yearly Meeting which will be held at noon on the same day and at the same place for the purposes of considering and if thought fit, passing the following resolution as an Ordinary Resolution.

"That the Authorized Capital of the Company be increased from its present capital of \$1,000,000 divided into 100,000 shares of \$10 each (of which 75,000 shares have been issued) to \$2,500,000 by the creation of 150,000 additional shares of the nominal value of \$10 each, and that the unissued shares of the Company's capital and such additional shares as aforesaid, shall be issued at such time or times and upon such terms and conditions as the Company's Board of Directors in their absolute discretion shall think fit."

NOTICE is also given that if the above Resolution is duly passed it is the present intention of the Directors to close the Register of Members for a period of six days from 13th September to 18th September 1948, both days inclusive.

The Directors will offer the persons appearing in the Register of Members on the 13th September 1948, 75,000 shares of the Company of the nominal value of \$10 each, out of the unissued capital of the Company at par and on the footing that the full nominal value of each share taken up shall be paid in full on acceptance of the offer and in any case not later than the 30th November, 1948, and so that each such person as aforesaid or his approved nominee shall be entitled to apply for and take up one new share for every one issued share which according to the Register of Members as aforesaid is held by such person on the 13th September 1948, the shares so offered shall rank for dividends as from the 1st December 1948.

The offer will be made by notice sent by post to each such person as aforesaid signifying the number of shares to which each such person is entitled and such offer if not accepted either on behalf of such person or his approved nominee on or before the 30th November 1948, will be deemed to be declined.

The Directors will dispose of any shares offered as aforesaid in the event of non acceptance by payment thereof by such persons as aforesaid or their approved nominees on or before 30th November 1948, at such time or times and upon such terms and conditions as they may decide.

It is important that any persons who have purchased shares in the Company but whose names do not appear in the Register of Members as aforesaid in respect thereof, should if they wish to take advantage of the offer, present their transfers for registration accompanied by the requisite share certificates as soon as possible and in any event not later than 11th September 1948.

NOTICE is also hereby given that at the above Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company the following resolution will be considered and if thought fit passed as a special Resolution:

"That Article No. 88 of the Company's Articles of Association shall be altered by deleting the figures '1,000' contained in the fourth line thereof and substituting therefor the figures '2,400'."

Article No. 88 of the Company's Articles of Association, if the Resolution is passed, will then read as follows:

"Each Director (other than a Managing Director) shall be paid by way of remuneration for his services the sum of \$2,400 per annum and such further sums (if any) as the Company in General Meeting shall from time to time determine."

By Order of the Board of Directors,

PEAT MARWICK MITCHELL & CO., Secretaries and Accountants.

Hong Kong, 20th July, 1948.

LANE, CRAWFORD, LIMITED

Notice is hereby given that the 22nd Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders of Lane, Crawford, Limited, will be held at the Jacobean Room in the Hong Kong Hotel, Pedder Street, Hong Kong, on Thursday, 20th August, 1948, at noon, for the purpose of receiving the Company's Accounts for the year ended 20th February, 1948, and the Directors' and Auditors' Reports thereon; to sanction the payment of dividends; to re-elect a Director; and to re-appoint Auditors.

The Share Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from 12th to 20th August 1948, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

PEAT MARWICK MITCHELL & CO., Secretaries and Accountants.

Hong Kong, 20th July, 1948.

THE DAIRY FARM, ICE & COLD STORAGE CO., LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

Notice is hereby given that an Interim Dividend of \$1.20 per share on "Old" Shares and 90 cents per share on "New" Shares, both free of tax, has been declared in respect of the year ending 31st December, 1948, and is payable on and after 15th September, 1948.

Applications for Interim Dividend Warrants should be made either personally or by letter to the Registered Office of the Company, Mezzanine Floor, Windsor House.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from 2nd September, 1948, to 15th September, 1948, both days inclusive.

By order of the Board of Directors.

G. MILNE Secretary.

Hong Kong, 17th August, 1948.

CALDBECK MACGREGOR & CO., LTD.

(Incorporated under the Companies Ordinance of Hong Kong.)

NOTICE is hereby given that the FIFTEENTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of Shareholders will be held at the Registered and Head Office of the Company, 3 Chater Road, Hong Kong, on Wednesday, September 1, 1948 at 12.15 p.m. for the following purposes:

To receive the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ended December, 31, 1947; to declare a Dividend; to elect Directors; to elect Auditors; and to transact any other ordinary business of the Company.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from August 25, to September 1, 1948 (both days inclusive) during which period no transfers of shares will be effected.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

MACGREGORS, LTD., General Managers.

Hong Kong, August 17, 1948.

NOTICE HONG KONG TRAMWAYS LIMITED

Notice is hereby given that an Interim Dividend of 55 cents per share less 10% Corporation Profits Tax has been declared in respect of the year ending December, 31 1948.

This dividend will be payable on or after Monday, September 13 1948, at the Registered Office of the Company, where Shareholders are requested to apply for warrants. The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from August 31 to September 13 1948, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,

W. H. PATERSON Secretary.

Hongkong, August, 18, 1948.

CARNIVAL By Dick Turner



"He's getting serious. Elmo! He's asking how much money you have in the bank!"

BARCLAY ON BRIDGE By Shepard Barclay

DOWN FOR A SET of freak developments on a freak deal, just completed, thus: 1. At not one of nine tables did anybody make the only makeable grand slam of 7 Diamonds. 2. At one table, the holder of an 11-card spade suit headed by the A-K-Q-10 never bid it even once. 3. In another case, the holder of a hand worth a game-demand opening two-bid heard all three of the other make bids of three or more before the auction reached him. You would think only duds could cause such variations. If so, you're wrong. They were the world's greatest players.

S J
H J 10 8
D J
C J 10 9 7 5 4 2
S None
H A K 9 7
D 5
C A K Q
8 6 3

W E
N S
S A K Q 10 9 8 6 5
4 3 2
H None
D Q C
C None

(Dealer: North. East-West vulnerable.)

	North	East	South	West
1 Pass	1 D	Pass	1 H	
Pass	3 H	Pass	4 NT	
Pass	5 D	Pass	7 H	
Dbl				
2 3 C	3 D	4 5	6 D	
Pass	Pass	6 S	7 D	
Pass	Pass	7 S	Dbl	

South at Table 1 was Morris Ellis, who outranked all the other masters for one entire season. Hearing the 1-Diamond bid, he was sure that would be kept open, so planned a series of passes in order to turn a double later. When East bid 3-Hearts, he knew that would stay open, so made his second pass. The 5-Diamonds response to the Blackwood was likewise certain not to be passed, so he made his third pass. Then, when North doubled the 7-Hearts, he assuredly could not monkey with that. As it was, his pass earned the only North-South plus score, his great spade suit never having been bid.

At Table 2, the oddest play was presented to Ed Marcus, Boston's greatest player, who heard those three high bids before he could speak on his sound two-bid holding. As it developed, the 7-Spade doubled contract there got beaten two tricks since the winner of the diamond lead returned his lone trump and thus compelled loss of a second diamond.

All sorts of things happened at the other seven tables in the game, which was a session of the national individual masters championship. This was the most freakish deal that ever bobbed up in all the long history of that blue-ribbon event.

Tomorrow's Problem

S A 3 2
H K 10 4
D 10 7 2
C J 3 2
S 8 7 4
H 7 6 2
D 8 4
C K 9 7 5

SK 9 5
HA 8 3
DA 1 5
CA Q 10 4

(Dealer: South. Both sides vulnerable.)

Among West's three four-card suits, why in the spade suit the best in order to turn a double later, to lead hearts the next best, and diamonds the worst?

A BRITISH CROSSWORD PUZZLE



Clues Across

- Bullfighter. 18. Comes into habit.
- Contrite. 19. Gen.
- Disciplinarian. 24. Statute.
- Spoken. 24. troops.
- Native of New Zealand. 25. Suppose.
- Levellers. 26.

Clues Down

- Rascal. 14. Percolates.
- Take with. 15. Huge.
- Up-to-date. 16. Counter.
- Sign. 17. Tull.
- Egress. 20. Result.
- Diamond. 21. Borders.
- Toy. 22. Tumbler.
- Black man. 23. Burden.

Yesterday's Crossword

Across: 3. Heritage. 7. Prize. 8. Lullaby. 10. Orestes. 13. Rectal. 15. Part. 17. Berates. 18. Audible. 20. Dead. 21. Escorted. 26. Exhaust. 27. Royal. 29. Distract.

Down: 1. Spoor. 2. Lilies. 3. Heist. 4. Iris. 5. Amulet. 6. Events. 9. Arabic. 11. Ravine. 12. Timid. 14. Leered. 16. Parch. 19. Royal. 18. Adored. 20. Deluge. 22. Exact. 23. Rags. 24. Refill. 25. Scar.

THE DANUBE FARCE OVER "An Example Of Cynical Solidarity"

BRITAIN REJECTS NEW CONVENTION

Belgrade, Aug. 18.

Western participation in Danube navigation ended today when the Eastern bloc majority of the Danube Conference here accepted the new completed Soviet draft Convention eliminating from the future Danube Commission States through which the river does not flow.

Britain and France have been members of the Commission for 92 years, but their influence in the river since the end of the war has been negligible owing to Soviet predominance.

Britain, France and the United States refused to recognise the new Convention today and spent the last session of the Conference protesting against it and insisting on the validity of the 1921 Convention.

The countries of the Eastern bloc welcomed the end of Western Imperialistic interference in the affairs of the sovereign Danube.

Mr. Cavenish Cannon, the United States Ambassador and leader of the American delegation, declared that the Conference had been a deception and an example of cynical solidarity on the part of the majority who had refrained from proposing even minor changes in the text of the new Convention.

Mr. Cannon said that, from the beginning of the Conference, there had been a solid phalanx of seven governments already committed to the Soviet text and also determined to disregard whatever proposals the Western delegates might present.

"When we came here, the Danube River was dead to international trade. When we leave, there will be no change except that the present regime of rigid Soviet control from Bratislava to the Black Sea will have been acknowledged by seven governments at this Conference," Mr. Cannon stated.

No Basis

The United States could not accept the Soviet draft for all the declarations of good intentions because it did not provide a basis for reopening the river to freedom of trade and navigation. It did not respond either to the recommendations of the peace conference or the decisions of the Council of Foreign Ministers.

"We think it is a backward step because it represents a new and determined effort to cut off the Danube States from their normal and essential intercourse with the rest of the world."

"The Convention had further attempted arbitrarily to nullify the Convention of 1921 and this was contrary not only to the rights of Britain and France but also to the rights of other signatories such as Belgium, Greece and Italy."

Mr. Cannon added that most of the delegates talked a great deal about sovereignty, but this had a hollow sound when one considers the economic price the nations pay when trade and

Abdullah Reminder

Amman, August 18.
King Abdullah reported today that Transjordan is spending nearly 25,000 pounds monthly for the relief of Palestinian refugees.

In a message to other Arab rulers, the King reminded them of "what you have promised" toward sharing the burden. — Associated Press.

Soviet Reply

M. Andrei Vyshinsky, the Soviet delegate, accused the Western powers of attempting to justify their denial of the legality of the Convention, to be signed, by making inconsistent assertions about the Conference.

He said that four amendments had been introduced in the Soviet draft, all based on American proposals and a number of articles had been taken from the 1921 Convention.

It is strange to hear accusations that all were rejected by this Conference. This was not so, M. Vyshinsky said.

"You assert that there can be no guarantee of freedom of navigation unless non-riparian States are represented in the Commission. Such a guarantee we cannot give you." He added that the so-called acquired rights or privileged rights on the Danube claimed by Britain and France by virtue of the 1921 Convention have no justification.

The Soviet draft was accepted by seven votes to one (the United States). The British and French delegates withdrew from their seats around the horse-shoe conference table and took no part in the voting.

M. Vyshinsky, who took the chair at this final session, first put the Convention to the vote article by article. The United States abstained from voting as each of the 42 articles and two supplements of the Convention was put to the Conference.

Finally, the Convention was voted upon as a whole and the United States then voted against acceptance.

Signature Boycotted

Professor Kominiew, the Bulgarian delegate, suggested that, as the United States, Britain and France had objected to the Convention, their names should be removed from the Convention's

preamble. The Western delegates boycotted the formal signature of the Convention later tonight.

M. Vyshinsky said that at the beginning of the Conference when the Western powers accepted the Soviet draft as a basis for discussion, they had hoped for a favourable attitude and "solidarity in many matters".

Earlier, the Soviet delegate told the Conference that although the Council of Foreign Ministers had given the Soviet Union two seats on the Danube Commission, she would, "in accordance with the principles of equality," relinquish one seat on the Commission.

The proposed Soviet Convention excludes the Western powers from the Danube Commission in which Britain and France have participated since 1856. The British and French delegates claimed that the Convention had been imposed by one delegate alone and voted through by a disciplined majority without proper regard for any spirit of compromise. Both delegates reserved their countries' rights under the 1921 Convention.

British Protest

The British delegate, Sir Charles Peake, in his rejection, said, "Britain categorically rejects the Convention because it places certain users of the Danube in a monopolistic position and denies to the non-riparian powers with major commercial interests in the waterway, any voice in its administration."

He added that Greece, Belgium and Italy had asked Britain to point out that they also reserved their rights.

Sir Charles said: "The Soviet Government is in a position to prevent other powers from using certain stretches of the Danube, but such unilateral action does not cancel the rights of the other powers."

"Mr. Bevin had repeatedly declared that Britain hoped to obtain results by compromise and mutual recognition of each other's interests. However, the Soviet delegation had refused to compromise and attempted to ride rough-shod over the rights and needs of the other riparian States such as Austria and powers like Britain, who had enjoyed uncontested rights for nearly a century," he said.

M. Andrei Tsiolty, for France, said the Convention as drafted by the Soviet Union contravened the principles of free navigation laid down in the peace treaties, that it was inconsistent with the spirit of the declaration of the Council of Foreign Ministers in 1946, and was not inspired in any way by either the letter or the spirit of the United Nations Charter.—Reuter.

Burmese Troops In Action

Rangoon, August 18.

Burmese Government troops went into action today against insurgents northwest of Rangoon, according to an official communique published tonight.

They recaptured Minbu, a small town 200 miles north of Rangoon after killing 30 insurgents and capturing 40. There were no Government casualties, the communique said.

The Burmese Air Force attacked an insurgent convoy at Laungde, 120 miles northwest of Rangoon along the Rangoon-Prome Road, inflicting "heavy casualties" and destroying three lorries.

Troops and police have repaired the railway lines destroyed by the insurgents in the Hanzada area, in the Irrawaddy Delta northwest of Rangoon. The communique added that the Karen Union military policemen who yesterday returned to their posts after deserting from the Insular suburb of Rangoon numbered 60. "They repented of their folly" and reiterated their allegiance to the Government.

New Force

Three companies of between 800 and 1,000 men are to be recruited in the Rangoon area for active service, the headquarters of U. Tin Tut, Inspector General of Burma's Auxiliary Forces, announced today.

The men will serve two years at regular Burmese Army rates of pay. U. Tin Tut, who resigned his post as Burmese Foreign Minister, to take up his present appointment, is devoting most of his time to the organization of the new force, which will be composed of Burmese, Anglo-Burmese and others with Territorial Army experience, and is to co-operate with the regular Army in fighting the insurgents.—Reuter.

Rangoon Calm

Rangoon was calm despite the distribution of Communist pamphlets proclaiming this as D-Day in the city.

The pamphlets warned the people to stay away from Government offices. They said the Communists intended to try "offenders" before a "people's court."

The pamphlets were scattered in the market place and business area on Tuesday night.—Associated Press.

NEW UN FORCE OF OBSERVERS

Washington, August 18.

The United States, France and Belgium are to send 300 men from their armed forces to act as a new force of observers in critical Palestine spots such as Jerusalem, Mr. George Marshall, the Secretary of State, disclosed here today.

The United States would supply 125 men—some from warships now in the Mediterranean—France 125 and Belgium 50.

Mr. Marshall said that Count Folke Bernadotte, the United Nations Palestine mediator, had asked for a substantially larger force but the request had been referred to the Security Council, which had not yet acted on it.

Mr. Marshall also announced that his Department was consulting with all other United States Government agencies on Count Bernadotte's urgent appeal for food and DDT for the 330,000 destitute Arab refugees from Palestine.

He believed that private American relief agencies would react to the appeal.—Reuter.

BULGAR PLANE OVER GREECE

Athens, August 18.
A Greek General Staff said today that a foreign aircraft "with Red stars on its wings" machine-gunned Greek troops at Kertidas, northwest of Komoyini.

Press reports said the plane was Bulgarian and asserted that it had been seen by United Nations observers.—Reuter.

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12.30 p.m. Daily Programme Summary, 12.32 p.m. Melodies from British Radio (HRTS).

1.00 p.m. Xavier Cugat and His Waldor Astoria Hotel Orchestra.

1.15 p.m. News, Weather Report and Announcements.

1.25 p.m. Orchestral Interlude.

1.30 p.m. "Music for You".

2.00 p.m. Close Down.

6.00 p.m. Programme Summary.

6.01 p.m. Children's Story, "In His Majesty's Service" by "Red-Lion".

6.02 p.m. "Benita Island" (HRTS).

6.30 p.m. "One Night Stand" Presented by Philip Burn (Studio).

7.00 p.m. "See You" Talks on Sport (Studio).

7.10 p.m. Jascha Heifetz (Violin) and the London Symphony Orchestra.

7.30 p.m. George Melachrino and His Orchestra (HRTS).

8.00 p.m. World and Home News (London Relay).

8.15 p.m. "Take Your Choice".

9.00 p.m. "Bitter" "Carman" Act 1. Principal, Chorus and Orchestra of La Scala Opera, Milan.

9.55 p.m. Interlude.

10.00 p.m. World and Home News (London Relay).

10.15 p.m. Weather Report.

10.16 p.m. Dance to Eric Winstone and His Orchestra with Julie Dawn and Denis Hale (Vocal) (HRTS).

10.45 p.m. A Serial Story: "Blue Silk" by Jonathan Rye (Studio).

11.00 p.m. Radio News (London Relay).

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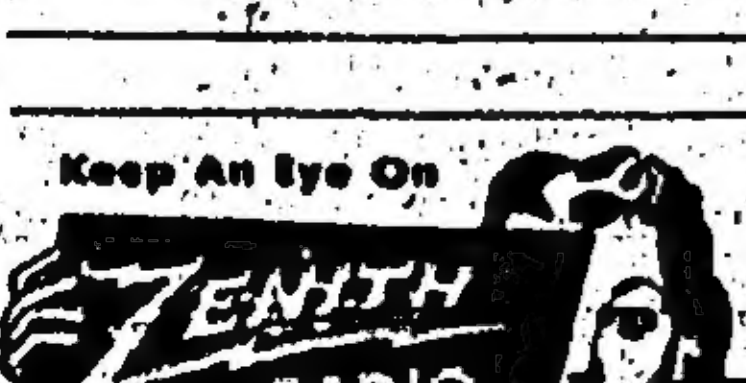
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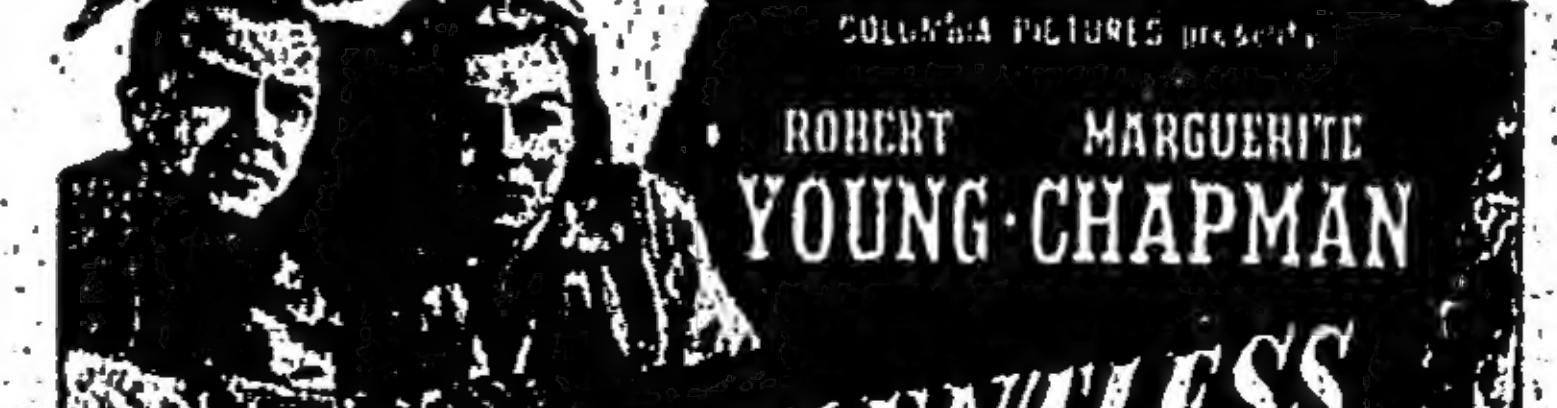
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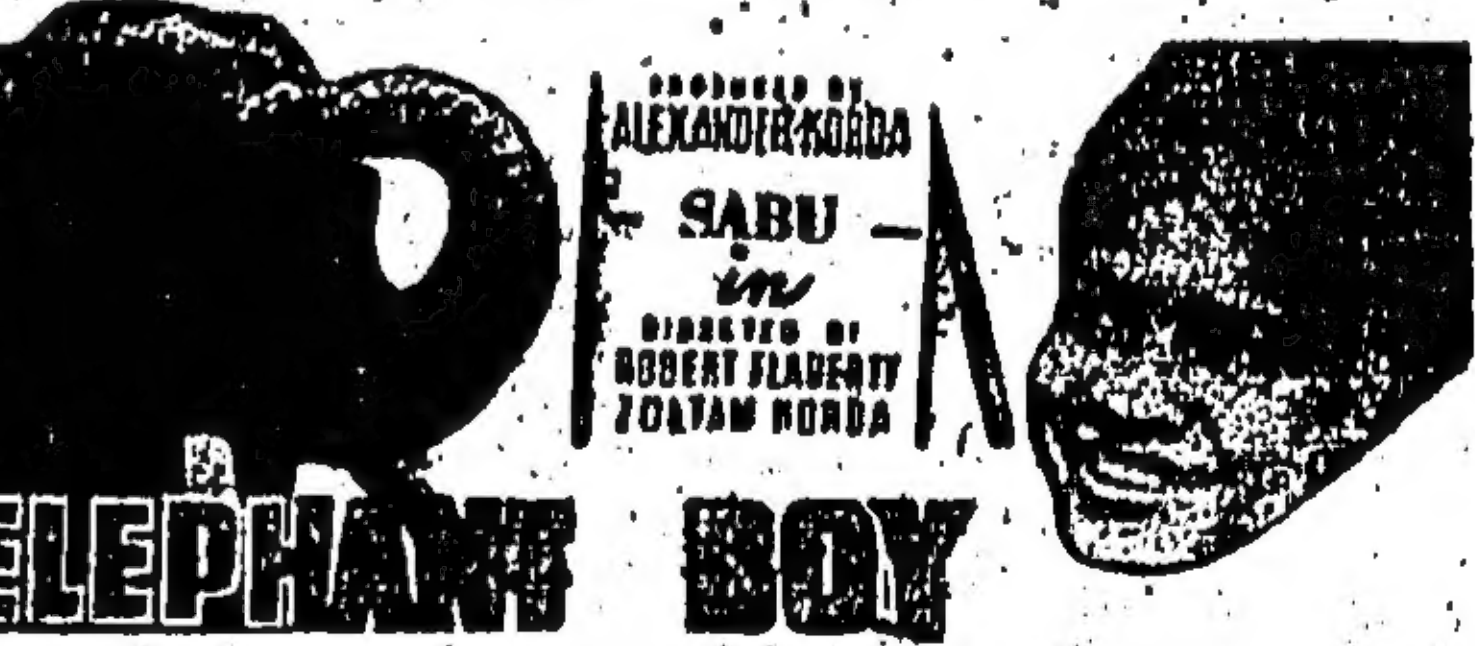
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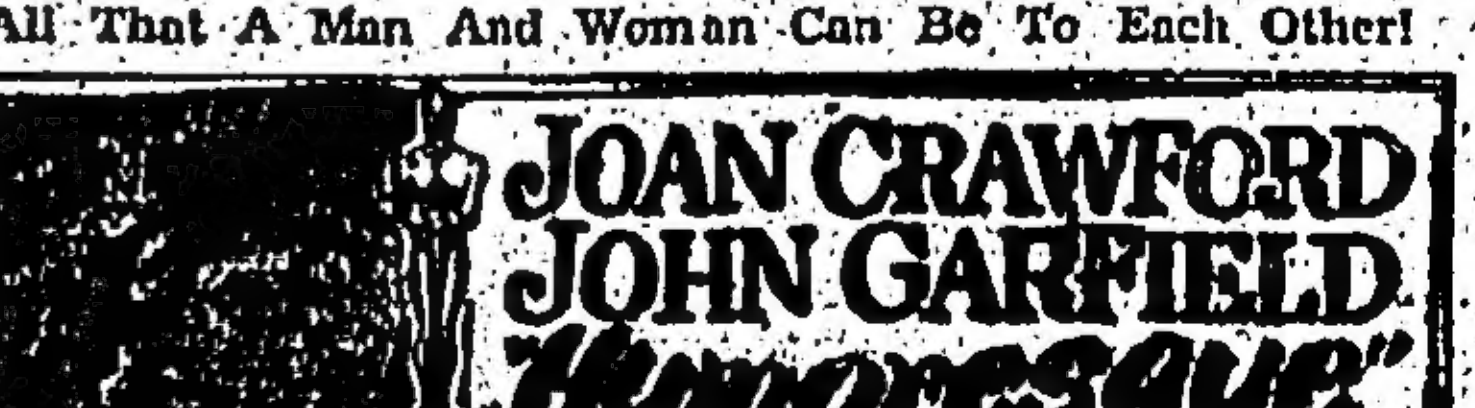
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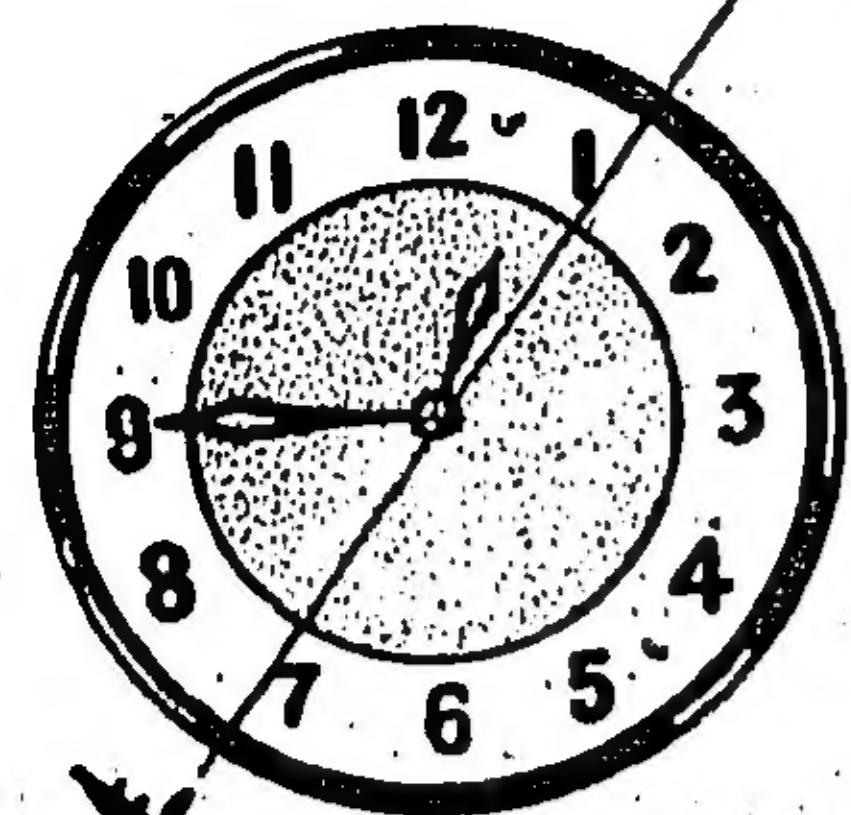
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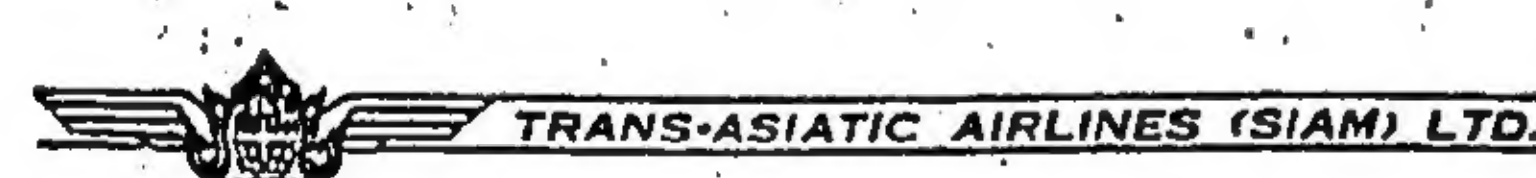


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THE BURMA INSURRECTION

The Brigade of Guards which is being sent to Malaya to deal with the terror tactics of Chinese Communists might more usefully be diverted to Burma. The menacing events there threaten the disappearance of orderly government of any kind and the creation of a situation which might easily compel protective military action by both the British Government and the Government of India.

As with our authorities in Malaya, the Thakin Nu Government in Burma saw the danger too late and moved too slowly, with the result that the Communists have found fresh support in the extremists of the People's Volunteer Army, with many trained troops joining what is now admitted to be open insurrection. The risk is great that economic life may be totally wrecked, causing widespread distress and further discontent by halting the production of rice, timber, tin and rubber.

It matters not whether they are called Communists or marauding malcontents. The result is much the same, and the danger also. Probably the majority of the terrorists in Malaya and the rebels in Burma have pretty vague ideas of what the Communist doctrine is. For the moment, the strength of the insurrectionist movement is not powerful. No more than one thousand disaffected troops took part in the "March on Rangoon," and they appear to have been dispersed without serious fighting. Since then, however, infiltration tactics have inflicted serious damage on the Government and it would be blind to regard the insurrection as other than highly dangerous, for the forces at the disposal of the Government are weak also.

In this situation, it is to be noted that the greatest strength of the Communists is in the north, lying between the capital and the bulk of the country, which gives it the maximum effect on communications. It thrives, moreover, on the fear of a great many non-political peasants and on the active discontent of a few crude politicians. Burma is, in short, not so much being attacked by a tiger, or even a brown bear, as being infested by rats. It is in danger of being nibbled away.

It is, of course, far too early to offer seriously the suggestion of direct British intervention. Burma is in the throes of finding her own feet, the withdrawal of a British organised civil service having been completed before the Burmese Government was properly prepared to assume the responsibilities. It may, nevertheless, be argued that the strength of today's insurrection would have been even greater had we failed to relax our control. Our best course at the moment is to help by example rather than precept—by putting down the corresponding movement in Malaya firmly and efficiently. Subversive movements encourage each other. T. rooting out of Malaya's terrorists will exercise its influence on Malaya's neighbours.

CHINA FORMS A BRAINS TRUST

By
THOMAS ALDEGUER

Faced with critical decisions on the country's economic and political situation, President Chiang Kai-shek has formed a "brains trust" of 12 of China's outstanding elder statesmen to advise him on major policies.

The President's action is in accordance with Article 2 of the Organic Law, which authorizes him to form such a trust, officially known in Chinese as Tze Cheng, "from among persons of outstanding achievements and reputation," who may make recommendations on important state questions, and shall hold themselves ready for consultations at all times at the call of the Chief Executive.

All three political parties forming the present Coalition Government are represented in the group, but the Kuomintang, of which President Chiang is leader, dominates with seven members—Ex-Premier Dr. H. H. Kung, Wu Chih-hui, Chang Ching-kuang, Li Shih-tseng, Hsu Chung-chih, Chang Chia Hutuketu (known as the Mongolian Living Buddha) and Wu Chung-hsin.

The Democratic Socialist Party is represented by Dr. Carson Chang and Hsu Fu-lin, its two leaders, and the Young China Party by Tseng Chi and Li Huang.

The veteran politician, Mo Teh-hui, is the only independent in the trust, whose members will advise the Chief Executive on matters of a purely advisory nature.

Wu Chih-hui

Dean of the political advisors is the 62-year-old Wu Chih-hui, who was born in the scenic centre of Wushih, 70 miles west of Shanghai.

He first met Dr. Sun Yat-sen in Great Britain, and soon joined the Tung Meng Hui, which was later to be renamed the Kuomintang Party.

Wu has been a member of the Supervisory Committee of the Kuomintang since its first re-organisation in 1924. He was one of the first to advocate the purge of the Communists from the Kuomintang.

The Kuomintang elder statesman, who speaks French, German, English and Japanese fluently, is recognised as one of China's leading scholar-authors. Some of his books are highly academic in nature.

He lives very frugally, and enjoys cooking his own meals and doing his household chores.

Last May he administered the oath of office to President Chiang Kai-shek upon the latter's inauguration as the nation's first constitutional chief executive.

Perhaps the best known of the brain trusters is Dr. H. H. Kung, former Minister of Finance and Premier.

Carson Chang

Almost equally well known both here and abroad is Dr. Carson Chang, titular head of the Chinese Democratic Socialist

Japanese Reds Active

Tokyo, August 18.—Japanese Communists in Hokkaido are winning party members by telling the peasants they better fall in line or the Russians will take over the island.

Other members are being secured through Communists working as tax collectors who force non-party members to pay extremely high taxes but let party members off easy.

According to Japanese press reports today, these tactics are responsible for adding more than 100 new members per day to the ranks of the Japanese Communist Party.

This situation is becoming increasingly well known here in Japan, as discussed openly, and is causing many democratic Japanese to wonder how they can prevent their nation being handed over to the Reds.

Only narrow strips of water separate Hokkaido from the Russian-held areas of Sakhalin and the Kurile Islands where the Soviet military forces were reported to be building gigantic military establishments.

Residents of Hokkaido say that the island would be the first to be occupied by the Russians in case of war. Hence, they listen well when the Communists tell them to join the party or face death when a Russian invasion comes.

People in Hokkaido for the greater part are farmers and other well-informed, not so well educated, and not so sure the Americans are going to protect them.

Most Hokkaido business men are not so much afraid of a Russian invasion but they are anxious to avoid high postwar taxes. When Communist tax collectors come around and tell them their taxes will be reduced if they join the Communist Party, they must sign or must pay excessive taxes.—United Press.

Party, who played a major part in drafting the new Chinese Constitution. Dr. Chang is a graduate of Waseda University in Tokyo, and also studied in Germany and France.

He is China's leading authority on constitutional law, and is Dean of one of China's best known law schools, the College of Law of Soochow University.

Mr. Tseng Chi is one of the founders of the Young China Party, a political organisation of extreme nationalist leanings. As a youth he participated in anti-Manchu activities.

He completed his studies in Japan and France, and was a member of the People's Political Council and the State Council, both now defunct.

Perhaps the most interesting personage in the trust is Chang Chia Hutuketu, Mongolian Living Buddha.

Fifty-two years of age, Chang Chia has done much to foster better relations between the Central Government and the Mongolian banners in recent years.

He is a member of the Supervisory Committee of the Kuomintang and was a member of the State Council.

An Independent

Mo Teh-hui, the only independent in the group, is extremely popular in North China and Manchuria. Born in 1882 in Kirin province, Mr. Mo graduated from the Peking Police Academy in North China, but soon gave up policing as a vocation and devoted his life instead to education and politics.

His best known book is "The Importance of Diplomacy." He has also written a volume on constitutionalism. Mr. Mo, as a political independent, has won the high esteem of all parties. He is a National Assembly delegate and was also a member of the State Council.

Mr. Hsu Fu-lin, delegate to the National Assembly, is one of the leaders of the Democratic Socialist Party. He was born in Kwangtung in 1870, attended the Peking Law College and was a revolutionary from the very start. He was a member of the parliament in the early years of the Republic and was the chief prosecutor of the Supreme Court.

Mr. Li Huang is one of the "big three" of the Young China Party. He turned down an offer to be Minister of Economics in Premier Chang Chun's cabinet preferring to remain outside the Government. However, taking advantage of the Government's plan to see a fair representation at the United Nations Conference at San Francisco in 1945, he attended it as a member of the Chinese delegation.

Mr. Li obtained his M.A. from a university in France, while studying in that country he helped found the Young China Party. He served for several years as a presidium member of the People's Political Council and later of the constitution draft committee.

Avowed Anarchist

Mr. Li Shih-tseng, once an avowed anarchist, has been for many years a leading Kuomintang member. He co-founded the World Institute and for over 40 years has been establishing cultural societies, universities, museums, libraries, publishing companies, newspapers and telecommunications companies all over the world. He is at present engaged in compiling a World Encyclopedia.

Messrs Hsu Chung-chih, Wu Chung-hsin and Chang Ching-kuang are all early collaborators of Dr. Sun Yat-sen.—Reuter.

MRS KOSENKINA STILL ON CRITICAL LIST

New York, August 18.—Mrs. Oksana Kosenkina was placed in an oxygen tent today, six days after her dramatic leap from the Soviet Consulate. At 4 p.m., after an afternoon in the tent, she received another blood transfusion. She received several yesterday.

Dr. Grant Pennoyer, Mrs. Kosenkina's physician, said she was having difficulty in breathing but he was not particularly alarmed.

The hospital authorities emphasised, however, that the little school teacher was literally in a "critical condition."

"She is very seriously ill and she is being watched very carefully for any changes," Mrs. Kosenkina's temperature rose to 102.4 and her pulse to 125. However, at six p.m. her temperature was 102 and her pulse 96.4.

The hospital authorities would not say whether her condition was worsening. To all questions they replied, "She is still on the critical list. Her condition is unchanged."

At 5.15 p.m., as Mrs. Kosenkina lay in an oxygen tent, two women from the Soviet Consulate arrived at Roosevelt Hospital and asked to see her. The hospital authorities refused because "she is entirely too ill to see anyone."

The women were Miss Zina Ivanova, Secretary to the Soviet Vice-Consul (Mr. Zot Chepurmykh), and Miss Maria Kharlamova, typist. They sent up a big box of red roses with this note attached: "We have come here to see you, but you are still in critical condition. We shall come again soon."

They had written another note in Russian, but when they were not allowed to see her they took this note back to the Consulate. They would not tell reporters the contents of this note.

The U.S. Secretary of State, Mr. George C. Marshall, said today the United States views with serious concern the Russian charges against the U.S. Government and some of its officers in connection with the refugee school teacher case.

Mr. Marshall said the Soviet protests about American landing of the cases will probably be answered within the next 24 hours. The note will be made public after it is delivered to Russia.

Mr. Panyushkin has made three Russian protests to Washington.

The fourth was made by Molotov to the United States Ambassador, Mr. Bevel Smith, at Moscow.

Recall Question

Mr. Marshall left open at his news conference the possibility that the American Government

CANTERBURY CATHEDRAL THROUGH THE AGES

By The Famous Left Wing Churchman,
Dr. Hewlett Johnson

Canterbury Cathedral, where the senior Archbishop of the Anglican Church has his seat, is the mother-church of English-speaking Christianity. The original Romano-British church of basilica form was destroyed by fire in 1067. As regarded the present building, the central tower in the perpendicular style, built about 1445, is the most notable feature. The nave is flanked at the west front by towers whose massive buttresses, rising in tiers, enhance by contrast the beautiful straight lines of the tower. In the interior, the Cathedral is divided into two parts. Notable features of the choir, which is late 12th century work, are its great length, its fine ornamentation and the use of arches and vaults painted in early English styles. Adjoining the Cathedral is the well-known King's School for boys. He served for several years as a presidium member of the People's Political Council and later of the constitution draft committee.

depleting the miracles attributed to St. Thomas are still preserved:

Black Prince

The magnificent tomb of Edward the Black Prince, who won outstanding victories in France in the 14th century stands beside the tomb of Archbishop Arundel, who strove unsuccessfully against the Oxford scholar Wycliffe. In the Warrior's Chapel is the tomb of Stephen Langton, leader of the barons who forced King John to sign the Magna Carta, foundation of the British citizen's civil liberties to this day.

The 10th century saw the dissolution of the monastic houses, which were peculiarly numerous in Canterbury—the first city to welcome the votaries of the monastic life. Canterbury, though still beautiful today, possessed in the 16th century a fine group of buildings—halls, chapels, dormitories and refectories. All the religious communities were property owners, and the tension between them and the city due to clumsy over-lapping of rights and privileges had become acute. Thus when the King's emissaries despoiled the Church, the people of Canterbury sided with the King. In 1538 the Shrine of Becket was destroyed, and 20 wagon loads of gold and silver were taken to the King's Treasury.

French Services

At the end of that stirring century of change in the reign of Queen Elizabeth, Canterbury gave refuge to French and Netherlandish refugees fleeing from Catholic persecution on the Continent of Europe. In Canterbury Cathedral they were given the use of the Crypt for their Presbyterian form of worship, and still in the Black Prince's Chapel a Presbyterian service in French is held every Sunday afternoon as it has been held for nearly 400 years.

A fresh stream of refugees came from France after the revocation of the Edict of Nantes. These French refugees brought silk weaving of a more elaborate kind into the city.

Slowly, with the severance of the great offices of State from the post of Archbishop, Canterbury slips out of English secular official life, though it still remains a place of pilgrimage for visitors from all over the world because of its beauty and its history.

Pagan King

As the centuries went by, however, men defied once more to the town at the ford, and we find the pagan King Ethelbert, and his Christian wife Bertha, living in Canterbury when St. Augustine landed in England in 597. Augustine was cordially received and went to Canterbury where he rebuilt on the site of an old ruin, the Roman church in the heart of the town. A Roman pavement still lies beneath the Cathedral (Nave) a church which was to serve as his official headquarters. There he left a part of his staff, living under the Benedictine monastic rule, while he travelled far and wide on his missionary journeys through a land yet pagan. The official of the age, under the title of Prior Abbot or Dean ruled with full jurisdiction over the Cathedral Church—and its permanent staff of monks. It is the same today. The ecclesiastical jurisdiction of the Dean is confined to the Cathedral and not outside it, save as he fits himself, intellectually, to become a leader of religious or social thought, and speaks with the weight of his office behind him.

In Canterbury Cathedral the Archbishop has his seat and there with elaborate and colourful ceremony each successive Archbishop is enthroned by the Dean. At the opening of the 9th century and again at the opening of the 11th century Canterbury suffered from Danish invasions. Three windows in the Cathedral, dating from 1200, record this tragedy.

Norman Conquest

The Norman Conquest, 1066, placed William the Norman on the throne of England. He appointed the Norman Abbot Lanfranc as Archbishop, and the age of great Norman church building began. The Norman-Gothic Cathedral at Canterbury rose from the ruins complete in seven years. The Western Crypt today remains exactly as Lanfranc left it.

In the latter half of the 12th century there was a quarrel between Henry II and the proud Thomas Becket, the friend of the King's youth whom he had made Archbishop, and who from the first fought fiercely for the rights of the Church. The Archbishop fled to Europe. Returning in triumph procession after seven years' exile, he was assassinated before an altar in the Cathedral by Henry's knights in 1170. The murder of the Archbishop forced the King to do penance. He came into the city with bare head and bleeding feet, and suffered scourging at the hands of some hundred monks.

Dr. Pennoyer specified that the surgeon should be one licensed to practise medicine in New York State.

At the same time, he assured Mr. Lomakin that the hospital was not preventing him from seeing the patient because of political reasons.

"We are not keeping her quiet for any other reason than medical," United Press and Associated Press.

NEW SLANT ON THUMB SUCKING

London, August 18.—A child who sucks his thumb or tries to swallow a shining watch is activated by much the same motives as certain cannibals in trying to show affection, an eminent U.S. psychiatrist, professor J.M. Murray of Boston University told the international mental health congress here today.

To illustrate the theory, Professor Murray told the story of two Eskimos who indulged in cannibalism.

"Two Eskimos of a warlike northern tribe were noted for killing a friend," the professor said. "When questioned regarding a motive for the act, they replied, 'Our friend was going to leave us. We loved him, depended on him, and could not bear his loss. So we killed him, chopped his heart and liver in little bits and ate him. Now he is always with us and we shall never lose him.'"

The professor claimed that Communism service as practised by civilised people and certain forms of cannibalism such as he had mentioned are examples of this practice.—United Press.

COUNTRESS DIED IN PRISON

Varese, Italy, August 12.—Judiciary authorities today carried out an autopsy on the body of Countess Isabella Biondi, who died suddenly yesterday while she was under arrest for her part in the counterfeit money ring.

Countess Biondi, aged 52, was arrested last June with her husband on the basis of evidence that they were implicated in the traffic of counterfeit banknotes between Milan, Varese and Florence. She became very ill while in jail was taken to the local Ciccolo hospital and died soon afterwards.—United Press.

MOSCOW CLEARS THE AIR

Agreement Believed Reached In Talks

Russian Reports Hint At New Developments

London, August 18.

While informed observers in Moscow tonight estimated the chances of agreement in the current talk between Western representatives and the Kremlin as 60 to 40 favouring agreement, Soviet-controlled radio stations in Germany said the Western envoys in the Russian capital were expected to have more talks with the Russian authorities tomorrow or Friday, and that a conference of the Big-Four Foreign Ministers was expected to be called soon.

The radio stations added that the Western representatives were also expected to seek another meeting with Marshal Stalin.

"In this connection, diplomatic circles believe that the Moscow talks, whether they brought agreement or not, have cleared the air and helped to bring together the various opinions regarding the German problem," the radio said.

"In case agreement is reached, the present talks will have relieved the Foreign Ministers of much preparatory work."

Leading American, British and French officials in the Russian capital, however, would not comment on the progress of the negotiations between the Western representatives and the Kremlin. Typical replies to the question: "Do you think there will be an agreement?" were:

British Embassy: "We cannot say."
American Embassy: "No comment."
French Embassy: "Nothing to say."

The impression prevails in Moscow diplomatic quarters that the talks are drawing to a close, but that the envoys are as guarded as ever.

Molotov's Message

Neither was any information available about M. Molotov's communication to the envoys at the last meeting on Monday, which is now being studied by Mr. Ernest Bevin, Mr. George Marshall and Mr. Robert Schuman, the Foreign Ministers of Britain, the United States and France, respectively.

It was reliably understood tonight that the envoys have not yet received instructions for their next approach to Mr. Molotov, believed by some observers as likely to be conclusive talk.

The three envoys conferred for a short time at the French Embassy today, together with Mr. Geoffrey Harrison, the British Minister, and Mr. Roy Kohler, American Counsellor, but the mood today is generally a waiting one.

The American Embassy staff today had their usual half-day holiday, finishing work at 1 p.m., a custom not followed by the British and French Embassies.

Paris Next?

Informed sources believe that if the Council of Foreign Ministers meets, Paris is the most likely venue—presumably before the United Nations General Assembly meets.

In Berlin, meanwhile, an announcement that Berliners who registered for their ration in the Soviet Sector would also be allocated 100 cwt. of coal, was today displayed prominently in all Soviet-licensed papers.

Only 20,000 of the two million inhabitants of Western Berlin have so far registered for their food rations in the Soviet Sector, but the official Soviet Tagliche Rundschau made it clear today that others could still change their minds and register for higher rations and special coal allotments in September.

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New Talks In Indies

Batavia, August 18.
The United Nations Good Offices Committee today accepted a Republican proposal for a three-weeks' conference between the Dutch and Indonesian delegations at Kallesang, near the Republican capital of Jogjakarta.

The conference will start next Monday, "provided plane facilities are available," a communiqué said. The Dutch Airline's daily service operating between the Dutch and Indonesian capitals during the last Kallesang Conference is not now running.—Reuter.

French Caution

French Foreign Office sources in Paris were hesitant to predict a new four-power Foreign Ministers conference as a result of the Moscow talks. These sources said that even if a conference is arranged they have little hope of it producing any real results.

Technical difficulties are believed to be holding up progress and agreements in the Moscow talks. But it can be reported on good authority that progress has been made.

One of the principal stumbling blocks is reported to be the Western powers' action toward establishing a separate Government in their occupation zones in Germany. The Russians have expressed vigorous opposition to a West German Government. The three Western powers and Germany's smaller neighbours—Belgium, the Netherlands and Luxembourg—are supporting the plan.

Berlin remains a problem, but the Western powers and the Soviets are not too far apart on this subject, it is reported.

While progress has been made there has been neither pessimism or optimism expressed at the three Western Embassies. Said one informant: "One must wait until the final terms are definitely settled. It is pointless at this time to waver either way on the conclusions."—Associated Press.

BERLIN BLOCKADE A FAILURE

Berlin, August 18.

The American Commander in Berlin declared today that the 50 day old Soviet blockade "has failed in its attempt to starve the Democratic people of Berlin into submission."

Col. Frank Howley, American Commandant, issued this statement in connection with what he called Marshal Vassily Sokolovsky's "propaganda distribution" of coal in Berlin.

"Of the 60,000 tons to be distributed," Col. Howley said, "57,100 tons will be required to complete the distribution in the Soviet sector alone, on the basis outlined in the Russian announcement."

"This would leave 2,900 tons for distribution to Western sector residents," he continued. "Actually to make a full distribution to the Western sectors would require not 2,900 tons but 66,000 tons."

"Obviously either Soviet mathematics are bad, Soviet intent is bad or both Soviet mathematics and intent are bad."

Hailing the Anglo American air lift as "without precedent" Col. Howley said that since the air bridge was set up 57 days ago, American and British cargo planes have brought more than 100,000 tons of food, medical supplies and other vital materials into besieged Berlin.

In short, he said, "the Soviet blockade failed in its attempt to starve the Democratic people of Berlin into submission." As a result, he added, the Russians have

HK-AUSTRALIA AIR LINE

Melbourne, August 18.
Radio Australia today reported that an airline service linking Hong Kong and Australia is under consideration.—Associated Press.

SPITFIRES MADE A MISTAKE?

Bangkok, August 18.
The Siamese Foreign Office today asked the British Embassy for an explanation of a reported raid in which it is alleged that British Spitfires bombed the village of Tohmoh, killing several persons including three in the family of a Siamese Government mine official.

The report of the raid was received from Noradivins on the Siamese-Malaya border and stated 11 bombs were dropped on August 12 after which the village was strafed.

Reports said the strafing raid lasted 15 minutes. Houses were heavily damaged.

The Deputy Minister of the Interior, Mr. Liang Jayakann, said he had asked the Siamese Foreign Office to query the British Embassy on the matter.

In Singapore, the British Commissioner General, Mr. Malcolm MacDonald's office said they had investigated the report. R.A.F. officials were not immediately available for comment but responsible officers said Spitfires had been operating in the north of Malaya against insurgents and it was not impossible that they made an attack across the border in error.—Associated Press.

ECHO OF ABDICATION

London, August 18.
London's evening newspapers reported today that Mr. Ernest Aldrich Simpson, former husband of the Duchess of Windsor, was married on August 12 to Mrs. Avril Joy Leveson-Gower, 39-year-old sports-woman and socialite.

A young woman who received telephone calls at Mr. Simpson's shipbroking office refused to say anything about the reported marriage.

"I simply am not talking," she told newspapermen.

The London "Star" said the marriage was Mr. Simpson's fourth and the third for Mrs. Gower, whose last husband was Brigadier Hugh Nugen Leveson Gower, company director and member of the cricket family.—Associated Press.

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Shot General Was Anti-Tito

Belgrade, August 18.

Colonel General Arso Jovanovic, shot "while attempting to cross the border between Rumania and Yugoslavia" was on his way to join the anti-Tito Communists when he was killed, it was reported in authoritative but unofficial circles here today.

The Yugoslav Government reported that Colonel General Jovanovic, one of its top ranking Army men and former intimate of Marshal Tito had been killed in an attempted flight across the border to Rumania. Without disclosing the reasons for the attempted escape, the Ministry of Interior released a report to the press as the latest in a series of startling developments since the Communist denunciation of Tito and his "nationalistic policies."

Jovanovic was reported to have been attempting to make his way to Russia perhaps to head an external movement with Soviet support against the present Yugoslav Government. This report arises in part from the fact that Jovanovic for four years had been Army Chief of Staff, went to Russia after leaving his post for a special military course.

"Borba", official organ of the Communist Party and other Belgrade newspapers said Jovanovic was killed shortly after midnight on August 12 in the district of Vasac near the Yugoslav-Rumanian border in Montenegro by a border guard.—Associated Press.

While limelight is focussed on Jovanovic, experts believe Colonel Dapchevich's escape may even be more important as a hint of the attitude toward Marshal Tito by Dapchevich's brother, General Petar Dapchevich.

Petar's adventurous figure—the people nicknamed him Peko—was one of the first in rank in Yugoslavia. For years he was entrusted with the toughest tasks. Later

MENTAL HYGIENE CONFERENCE

London, August 18.

At the London Conference on Mental Hygiene today, Professor J.M. Murray, Professor of Clinical Psychiatry at Boston University in the United States, expressed the hope that the psychiatrist might help in solving problems of the war.

He said that the psychiatrist studied the failure of human relations in the individual and not in the mass, and urged that mass knowledge of human relationship should be used in a broader sense.—Reuter.

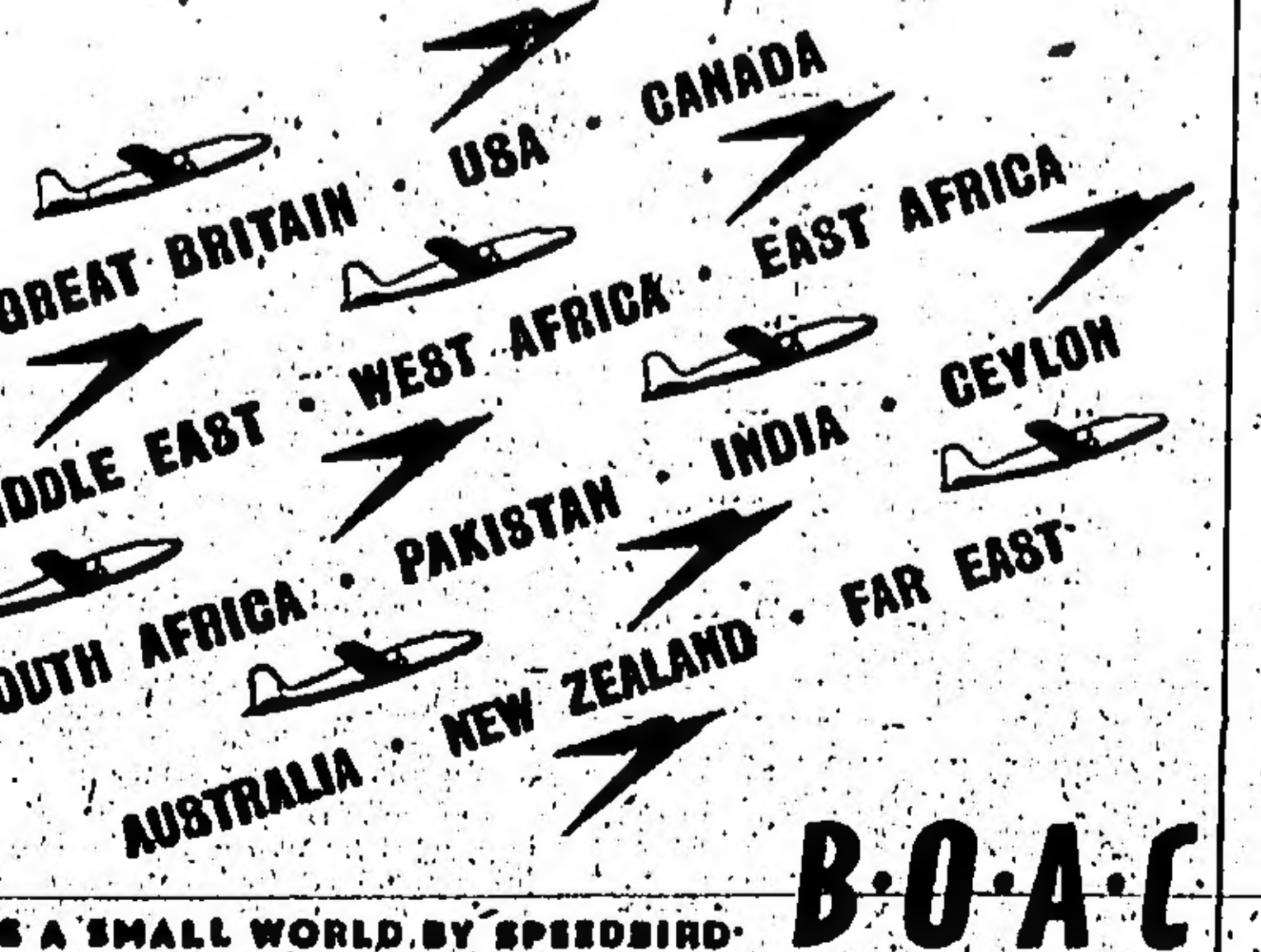


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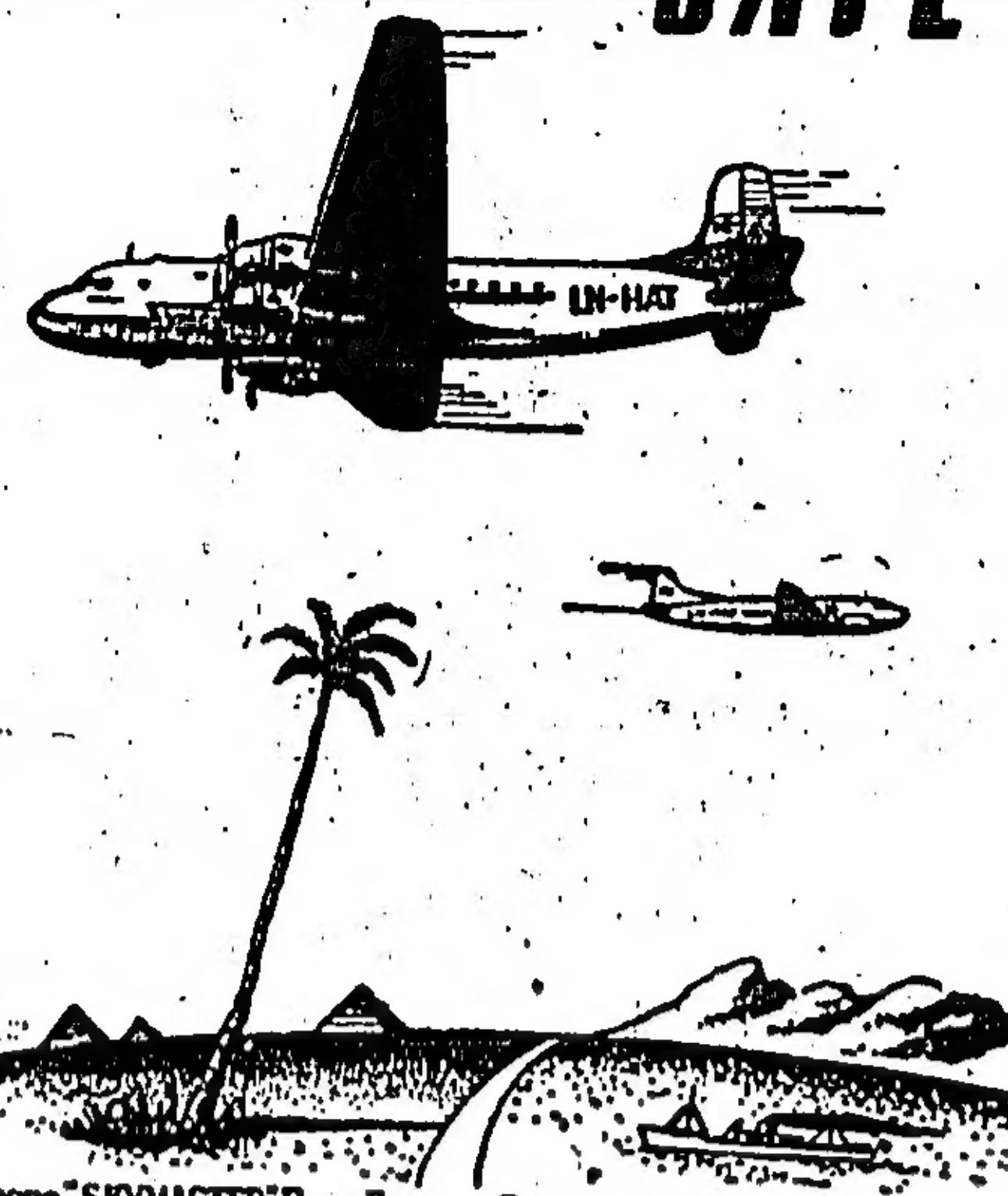
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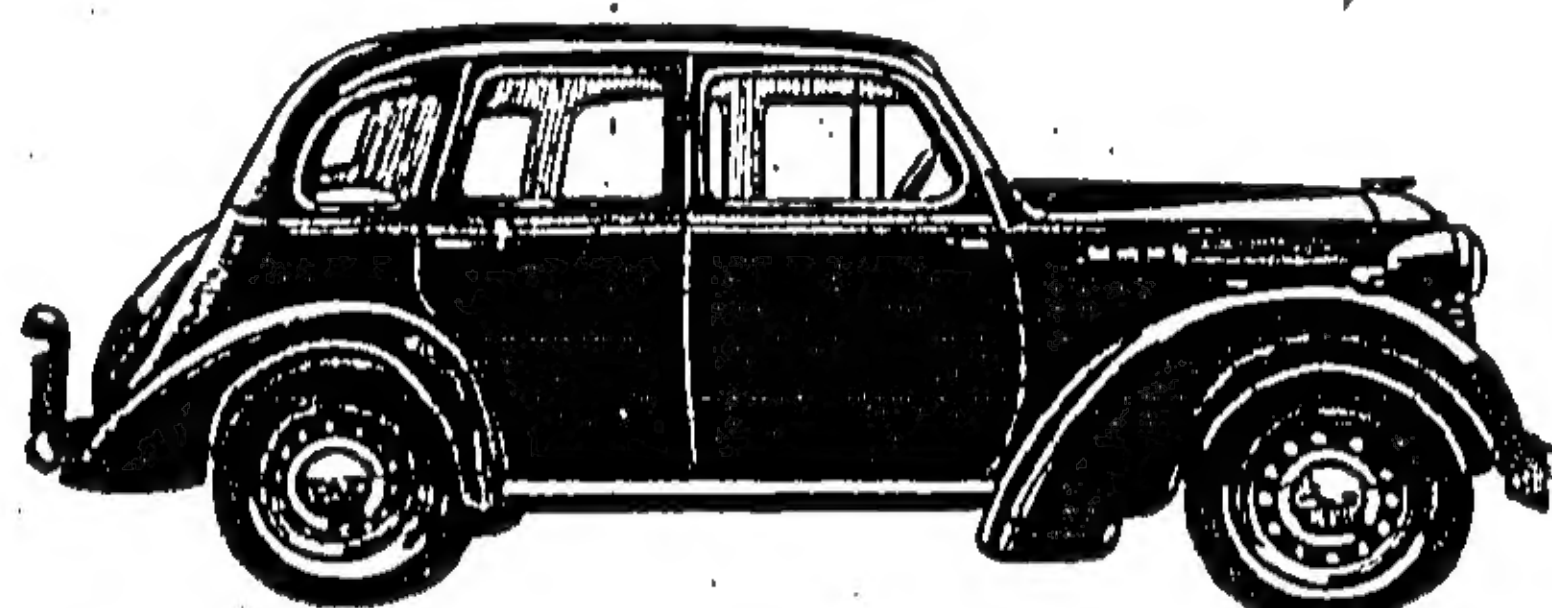
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CINEMA WORLD

---SHADOWS BEFORE---

"OLIVER TWIST" (Queen's)

Stars: Alec Guinness, Robert Newton.

"Oliver Twist" will inevitably be compared with "Great Expectations," since both of them are Cineguild productions of a Charles Dickens novel. It falls short in the comparison.

"Great Expectations" was a film of great power and charm, and much of its attraction was in the conception of its characters. "Oliver Twist" is all Dickens—a faithful and amazingly illustrative animation of Dickens characters and Dickens scenes but less of a film for that very reason.

The straightforward story of young Oliver Twist, born and brought up in a workhouse, is taken from his apprenticeship to an undertaker, to his escape to London, his training by Fagin's pickpockets, the luxury of Mr. Brownlow's house, Oliver's unwilling return to Fagin's gang and his final release. Young Oliver is used as a catalyst to unite the other stories—the story of the Jew Fagin, of Nancy and Bill Sikes, the story of the Artful Dodger, of Mr. (and Mrs.) Bumble, of Oliver's grandfather, Mr. Brownlow, of the "locket" which belonged to Oliver's mother.

Some of the acting is outstandingly good, particularly that of Alec Guinness as Fagin, the horrible, hissing, hunch-backed Jew of underworld London. His husky "My dear" is a masterpiece of creeping horror. Robert

Newton as Bill Sikes gives his usual fine performance, and so does Kay Walsh as Nancy. The Artful Dodger is completely re-volting, as played by a new boy, Newley Anthony.

Oliver is played by a newcomer to films, John Howard Davies, an unusual child who has little to do or say but look bewildered and or sad. He manages to put those expressions on his amazingly fine and delicate face as if he meant it.

Cineguild has striven too hard for effect in "Oliver Twist". In trying to repeat the success of "Great Expectations" they have leant too far backwards on photography, angle-shots and Dickens.

Still it is a "must" film for all ages for its treatment, its acting, its sense of "atmosphere"—and for young John Howard Davies (Engle-Lion).

"THE MIRACLE OF THE BELLS" (King's)

Stars: Fred MacMurray, Valli, Frank Sinatra.

Story: Russel Janney's novel of a small-town "miracle" engineered by a brass press-agent has two

items of casting interest—the new Italian star Valli as Olga Treckovna, and Frank Sinatra as Father Paul, priest of a struggling St. Michael's church in Coalstown, Pennsylvania. Bill Dunning (Fred MacMurray) comes to Coalstown to arrange the burial of the girl he loved, Olga Treckovna, who had died after making a picture in Hollywood. Trying to get Olga's picture released by the studio, he arranges for the Coalstown bells to ring for four days as a publicity stunt. When, however, two statues turn on their bases towards Olga's coffin, even Dunning gets the jitters. The picture is released, and Dunning's pledge to Olga is fulfilled. (RKO RADIO)

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The incompleteness of the political background spoils this film, which was obviously intended as an indictment of past methods and an instruction for the future. National fervour from Castle National (S.S.) and a patriotic blast from the Ambassador's son (Douglas Dick) at the end are not enough to make a Message out of the ordinary story of a man who is married to the wrong woman, (Paramount)

"TWIN BEDS" (Lee)

Stars: George Brent, Joan Bennett.

Story: Mr. and Mrs. Mike Abbott (George Brent and Joan Bennett) have not been married very long before Mike finds out that his Little Woman is interested in any and every charity, and that he is expected to be interested, too. When Julie Abbott is pursued by Nicolai Cherupin, (Mischa Auer), they move to another apartment. But the Cherupins move there, too. Mike wakes out on Julie during a party at which Nicolai is imbibing too many "Cosack's Kisses" and Nicolai, with no one to lead him gently off, goes peacefully to sleep on one of the twin beds. Next morning there is a determined Nicolai-hint by Mrs. Cherupin and Mike. Poor Nicolai is discovered. (United Artists)

"THE SEARCHING WIND" (Queen's)

Stars: Robert Young, Sylvia Sydney, Ann Richards.

Lillian Hellmann's hard-hitting play of diplomatic fumbling between the wars is a good film without being an outstanding one. Much of the presented more as a distinction has been lost, and the central figure of Mr. Ambassador is presented more as a distinguished businessman than a worried, inadequate diplomat who is, at all times, trying to do what is right.

Robert Young was an excellent "H.M. Pulham, Esq.", but he has got Pulham and the Ambassador mixed up. Not that the Ambassador is not a real character—he is, in fact, only too real, and too typical of Young's weak moments are those with his Other Woman, Sylvia Sydney. She may have seen the European political scene a lot clearer than the Ambassador—being a newspaper woman she probably would—she certainly chose the worst way in the world of

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"OLIVER TWIST"



The Artful Dodger (Anthony Newley) produces a watch—part of his day's spoils—for the delighted Fagin (Alec Guinness). Oliver Twist (John Howard Davies) is amazed at the things that come from the Dodger's pockets.

old-timers Flora Robson, Leo G. Carroll and Cecil Kellaway, in their brief moments on the screen, is painful to witness. (Paramount)

"BRIGHTON ROCK" (King's)

Stars: Richard Attenborough, Hermione Baddeley.

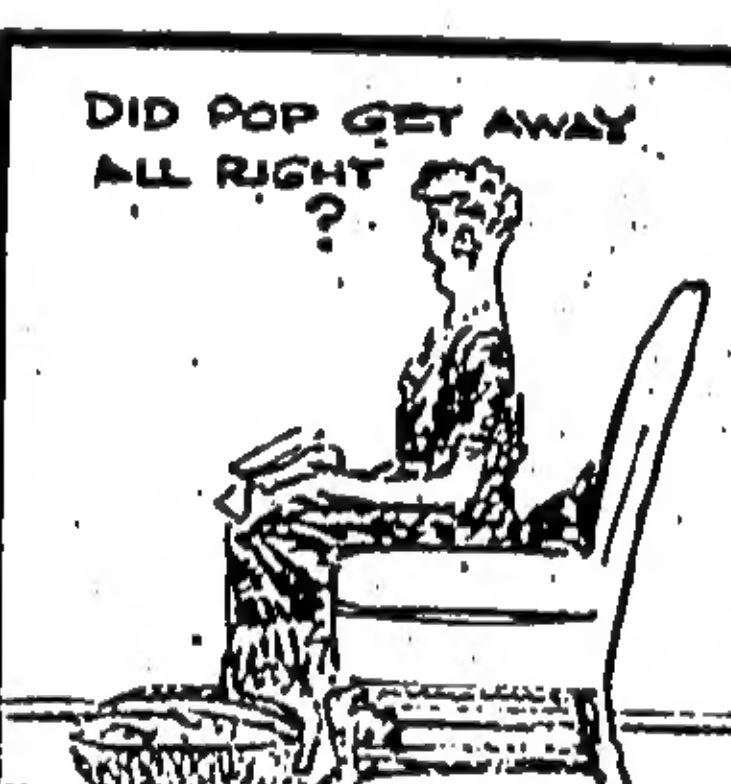
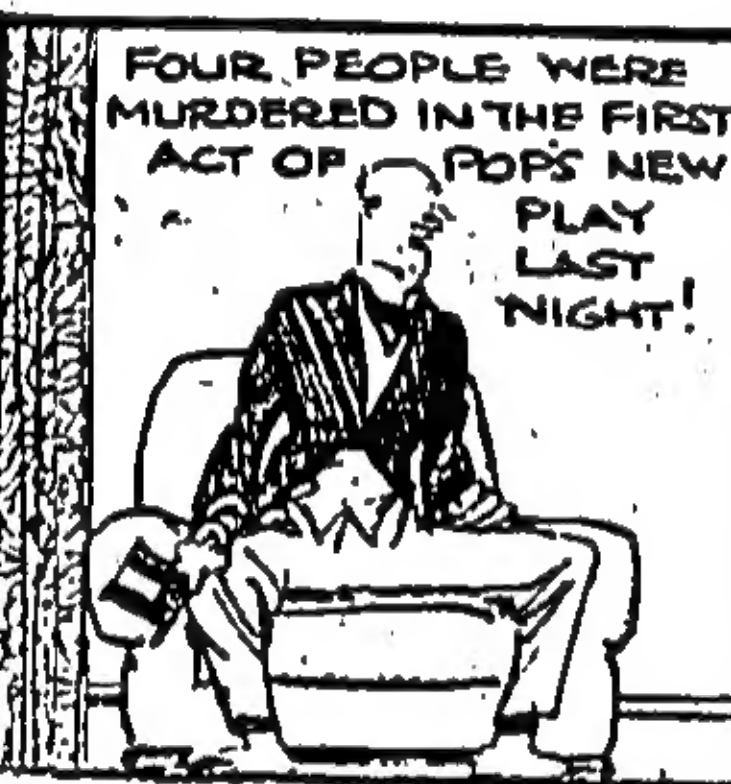
Story: This is the story of a 17-year-old razor sharper, Pinkie, if you like that sort of thing. Set in pre-war Brighton the story is based on Graham Greene's novel and play, and deals with the exploits of a small-time teen-age gangster who imagines himself a big shot. Hermione Baddeley plays Ida, hearty sourette of the local concert party who lives in danger of Pinkie's knife. A young newcomer, Carol Marsh, is Rosie, a little waitress who is implicated by her love for Pinkie. Richard Attenborough is Pinkie, the ruthless, immature slasher, a role he played first on the stage. Tough and nasty. (Associated British)

of calling on leading society matrons, with one or other of her children, and asking for aid. The elder child, Molly (Jill Raymond) is uncomfortable about the calls but young Jay (Jean Simmons) does not mind. When they grow up Molly is determined never to do such a thing herself, and Jay, turning the full circle falls into the habit of giving presents lavishly. One day she forges a cheque to pay for them, and is taken to court. Lorna, who has married one of her wealthy "touches" deserts Jay and the accompanying notoriety. Jay, however, goes to her mother's house and meets her stepfather, who is impressed by her youthful beauty. She tells him the full story, and he forces Lorna to take her medicine at the hands of the Court. (Eagle Lion Distributors)

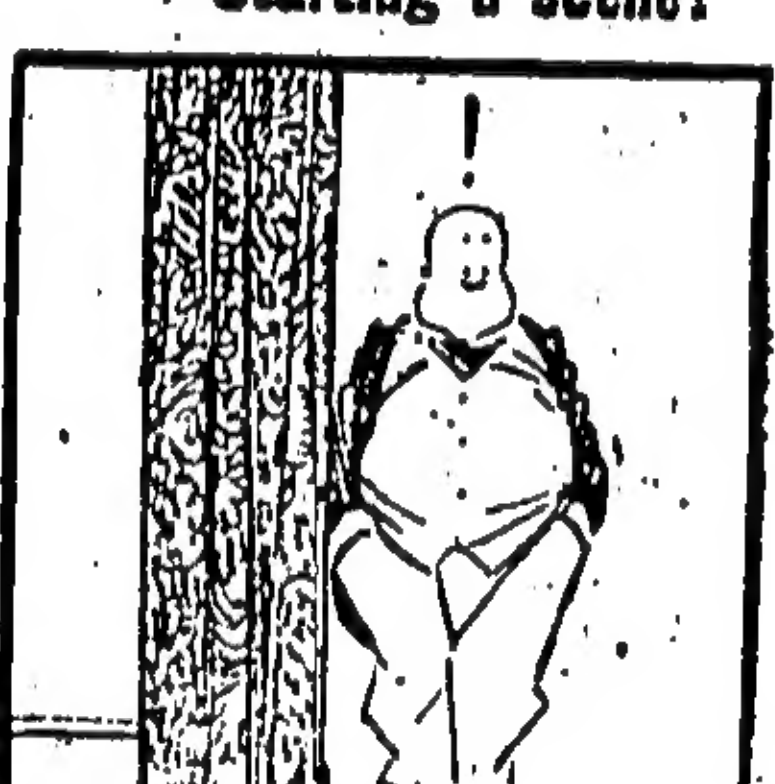
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Several husky dogs have been specially brought from Canada for scenes in "Scott of the Antarctic". One of them had five puppies on the day she reached England, so they will all appear with their mother in the film. To play the title role, JOHN MILLS had to grow a beard. It turned out bright ginger.

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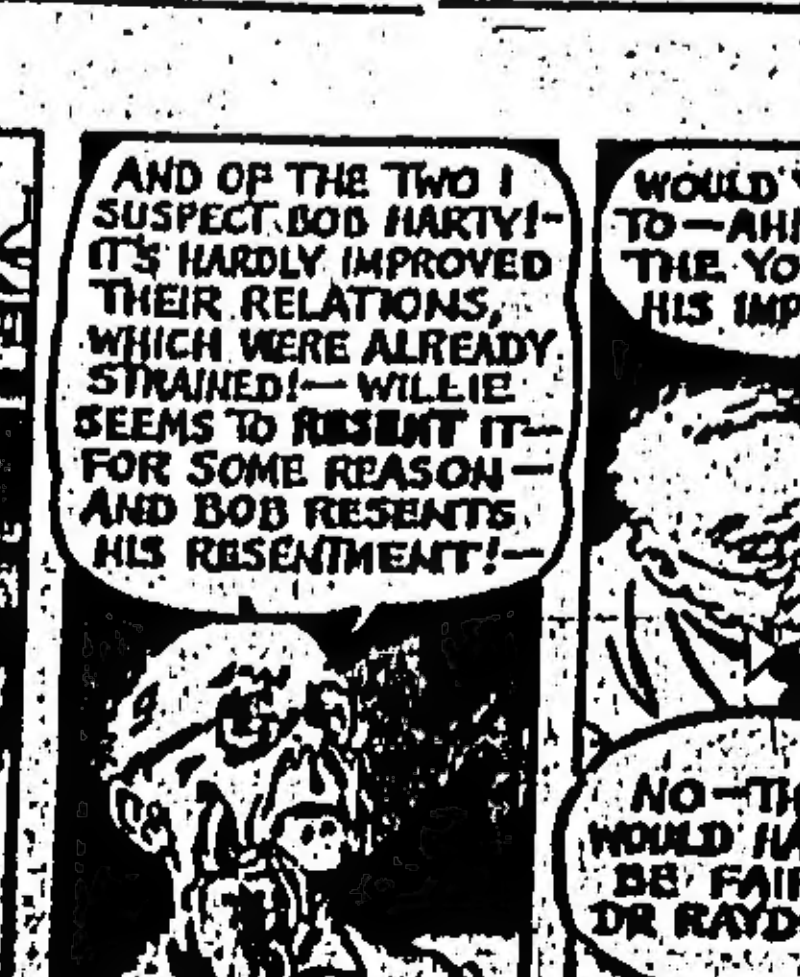
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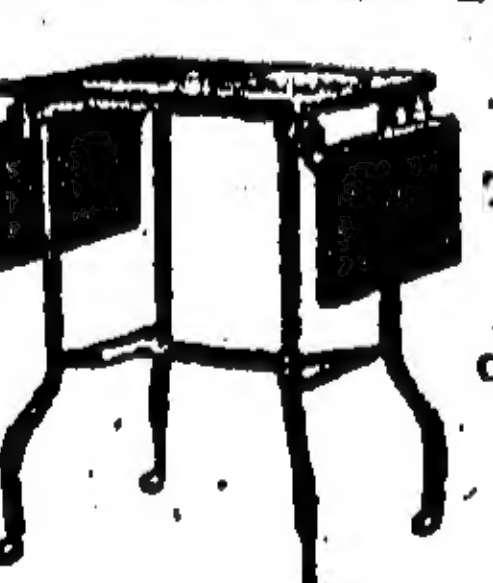
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MORE CLASHES IN MALAYA

Gurkhas' Gun Battle With Terrorists

Guards Brigade Prepares
For Embarkation

Singapore, August 18.

Raiding police and Gurkhas killed six uniformed guerrillas in a gun battle with 40 armed Chinese in Central Malaya today while further south four Chinese were killed when police drove off an insurgent attack.

Armed Chinese ambushed a bus at Kampong Luas, in Kedah State, killed a Chinese passenger and wounded three others.

In other attacks early today and late last night, terrorists killed one Malay and two Chinese.

The press and public today welcomed the posting of the Second Guards Brigade to the troubled peninsula, bringing the British forces to their highest level since just after the liberation. The Secretary of the United Planting Association commented, however: "Until such time as the planter can be relieved from the job of protecting the lives of his staff and himself, we cannot say if these reinforcements will be adequate."

He disclosed that several hundred Sten guns and hand grenades had now been issued to planters.

Powerful commercial interests have asked the Federal Malaya Government to declare, for insurance purposes, whether the uprising is an insurrection, a rebellion or a war, a Government spokesman confirmed today.

Some insurance companies facing heavy claims think the situation has become more than a state of riot or civil commotion. From London, Reuter reported that tropical kit is already being issued to men of the Second Brigade of Guards who are due to leave for Malaya at the end of August. Although the orders came through only at the weekend, no time is being lost getting the 4,000 men ready for embarkation.

Four Weeks Voyage

The bulk of the troops are expected to go by sea in an Army transport—a voyage of about four weeks—but some special units may go by air. Advance officers may go ahead by air to arrange for the arrival of the Brigade.

It was thought likely that the General Officer in command of the Brigade—yet unnamed—will fly to Singapore to be ready to receive his Brigade on their arrival by sea.

The names of possible commanders for the mission were believed today to be under discussion at a special meeting at the War Office. Whoever will be chosen will automatically come under the overall direction of General Sir Niel Menzies-Ritchie, Commander in Chief of South East Asia Land Forces.

Crack Battalions

The three battalions making up the Brigade—the 3rd Grenadiers, the 2nd Scots and the 2nd Coldstream—are all crack battalions with distinguished war records although a number of the men now in them have enlisted since the war.

The 2nd Battalion Coldstream Guards and the 3rd Battalion Grenadier Guards both served with the British Expeditionary Force at the start of the war and later fought in North Africa and Italy.

The Second Battalion of the Scots Guards were in Egypt at the start of the war. They later served in North Africa and Italy and as part of the British liberation army in Europe.

Until their new orders arrived, the 3rd Battalion Grenadier Guards were on guard duties at Windsor Castle, where they are now being replaced. The 2nd Battalion Scots Guards are at present at their barracks at Chelsea. The 2nd Battalion Scots Guards are in Wellington Barracks adjacent to Buckingham Palace.

Duty in the jungles of Malaya will be something new to add to the brilliant regimental histories of the Guards. Until now, they have rarely served east of Egypt.

Special Lessons

Between now and the day of their departure, the men of the Brigade, who are acknowledged among the best soldiers in Britain, are expected to receive special instructions on their task in Malaya.

It is realized that a number of them will not have been in the tropics before nor will they be familiar with the type of country in which they will be stationed.

They will leave England in their regular battle dress but will find in Malaya in jungle or tropical kit for which orders have been placed for immediate issue. In London, many of the 4,000 men will be leaving their families behind in Britain without knowing when they will see them again.

No estimate can be given on how long it will be necessary to keep the Brigade away from home.

Ancillary units, such as Transport, Signals and Medical units, to accompany the Brigade may be self-contained or supplementary to the Army establishment already existing in Malaya.

Many of the details of the plan have yet to be worked out. A large transport must be made available for the troops and their equipment.

The 4th Hussars, who have also been assigned to Malaya from Britain, are leaving their base at Colchester, Essex, tomorrow night to embark at Southampton on Friday in the 11,000-ton British India liner Dilwara for their voyage to Singapore.—Reuter.

Moscow Comment

Moscow Radio tonight described the British action against the Malaya terrorists as "wholesale murder in cold blood and genocide sponsored by shareholders in the rubber and tin companies". "What is now taking place in Malaya is a disgrace to mankind," the commentator continued. "Malayans do not want to be British slaves."

"As a penalty they are being destroyed by all possible means, from primitive methods of scalping to modern methods of bombing of peaceful communities," the speaker said.

"The British Pontius Pilates, Labourite administrators in Malaya and the scalp-hunters from Sarawak are all equally in the pay of the mine and plantation owners"—Reuter.

Italian Warships
In Toulon

Paris, August 18. Fourteen Italian warships, including two cruisers, have been transferred to the French Fleet in accordance with Article 57 of the Italian Peace Treaty, the French Marine Ministry announced today.

The ships are at anchor in Toulon harbour awaiting reconversion.

They are the two 3,700-ton cruisers, Attilio Regolo, renamed Chateaufort, and Scipione Africano, renamed Guichen. Four torpedo boat destroyers of 1,700 tons and 1,800 tons the Mitraglier renamed Jurien de la Graviere, the Volto renamed Due Pierre, the Legionario, now called Ducloux, and the Oriani renamed Deas.

One dispatch ship, first class, formerly the Eritrea is now the Francis Garnier.

One tanker, Tarvison, renamed Garonne.

Six tugs have not been renamed. They are: Ercole, to Porto, Tuleto, Vado, Nereo and Porto Tricasso.—United Press.

MRS. TAIT IN TROUBLE

Marseilles, August 18. Mrs. Richard Morrow Tait landed at Marseilles tonight in her flight around the world in a small plane, but already in trouble.

At Marseilles air field where she landed at 1712 GMT, her plane showed up with mechanical trouble, that might keep her grounded until Friday.—Associated Press.

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CHIANG'S
SUDDEN
RETURN

Nanking, August 19. Important political and economic discussions are expected to begin in the capital today, following President Chiang Kai-shek's unexpected return from the summer capital of Kuling last night.

Mrs. Chiang did not accompany the President, who arrived with General Yu Chieh-chih, Chief of the Military Affairs Bureau. Dr. Sun Fo, President of the Legislative Yuan, and Mr. Chang Shao-yuan, Secretary-General of the Legislative Yuan.

It was authoritatively denied that President Chiang's return was prompted by a desire to proclaim a national emergency at an early date, for which one official said there was no need.

Another high Government official said there was no truth in the Chung Hwa Times report, asserting such a proclamation imminent to permit President Chiang to abrogate ordinary Parliamentary processes for the passage of urgent reforms, and thus rule by decree.—Reuter—AAP

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The recently-formed Hong Kong Angling Society has been incorporated under the Hong Kong Companies Ordinance. Its licence, granted by the Government, allowed it to be registered with limited liability without the word "limited" added to its name. It is proposed to register a maximum 500 members. The committee, however, is empowered to register an increase of members from time to time.

"Splash" Evening At YMCA

The third in the series of fortnightly "Splash" evenings took place in the European YMCA Swimming Club bath yesterday.

Particularly noticeable was the augmented number of women competitors in the series. Norma Stevens, middle girl champion of the George V School, made her public debut. She swam the 25 yards free style in 15.2 seconds and her neat, and gliding breast stroke "short" gives promise of a bright future in competitive swimming.

George Saunders, the colony 50 yards free style record holder, twice returned the time of 25 seconds for the distance during the evening. His diving was also in good form; he executed a backward one-and-a-half somersault with almost impeccable precision.

The European Y team had its own way with the Royal Artillery in the water polo game to end the night swimming programme.

Dancing then began in the West Lounge where swimmers and spectators ended the splash evening.

Results:
50 yards free style (Men's)—1st George Saunders (25 secs); 2nd A. Allison (31-1/5 secs); 3rd Ian Coy-Walker.
50 yards breast stroke (Men's) handicapped—1st P. Thompson (41.3 secs); 2nd Blankinship (42 secs); 3rd Ron Thompson (42 secs).
50 yards back stroke (Men's) handicapped—1st P. Thompson (36 secs); 2nd Blankinship (38 secs); 3rd R. Ballorant (38 secs).
Junior boys' 25 yards free style handicapped—1st Stevens (20 secs); 2nd Benjamin (24 secs); 3rd Dunne (22 secs).
Ladies' 25 yards free style handicapped—1st Winifred Swan (16.2 secs); 2nd Margaret Sim (16.2 secs).
Girls' 25 yards free style handicapped—1st Sheila Stevens (15.2 secs); 2nd Nierla Bolton (18 sec).
6 x 25 yards free style mixed relay—1st Blankinship, Ron Thompson, Milford, Grinter, Winifred Swan, and Allan.

LAWN BOWLS

W. Hong Sling, one of the Interport lawn bowlers chosen to play Shanghai next month, yesterday partnered A.M. Omar to beat R. Leigh and J.A. Tibble 41-1 points in the Colony Lawn Bowls Open Pairs Championship. The winners combined excellently and on the 8th head were leading 18-0. Their score is the highest yet recorded this season.

Other results in the competition were:
C. Roer-Pereira and F.V.V. Ribeiro beat I.M. Omar and U.M. Omar 23-13.
A.E. Coates and B.W. Bradbury beat A.P. Pereira and C.O. Pereira 80-17.
M.Y. Adal and S. Yusuf beat L. Whant and A. Atkins 30-8.

K.B.G.C.
The following are the Kowloon Bowling Green Club teams for Saturday:

1st Team v. Indian Recreation Club (home) at 4 p.m.—V.C. Dixon, C. Dowman, A.J. Hall and J. Fraser (Skip).
2nd Team (Friendly) v. C. de Roover (home)—R.J. Wigginton, H.A. Lammet, E.A. Atkins and G.E.F. Thompson (Skip).
3rd Team (Friendly) v. R.P. Phillips, K.C. Hamilton, V. C. Phillips and J. Whant (Skip).
4th Team (Friendly) v. W.H. Bailey, M.L. Hardie, J.S. Dinnen and J. Guy (Skip).

Kennington Oval, London, August 18. Australia took only twenty minutes this morning to polish off England's three remaining wickets and win the fifth and final Test at the Oval by an innings and 149 runs.

The match was as good as over last night when bad light and rain stopped play for the day, for England still needed 159 runs this morning to avert an innings' defeat, with only three wickets to fall.

The last three wickets fell for the addition of ten runs. Bill Johnston taking all of them for three runs.

With the score at 181 Bedser was all at sea with the last ball of Johnston's first over, which turned sharply from leg and knocked back his off stump. So Bedser was dismissed without scoring in each innings of his first Test on his home ground against Australia.

Johnston's success meant that Lindwall could not pass Grimmett's aggregate of 50 Test wickets in England in one series. Jaker, Bedser, Young faced the possibility of a "pair." This he avoided with a single to cover, which was turned into three by an overthrow.

Yalley narrowly escaped being caught in the slips before he mistimed a hook stroke at 188. The ball flew off the bottom of his bat high into the air to first slip, where Miller took the catch safely.

Truly Earned

Hollies hit out at the first ball that he received and asked a catch to Morris at long mid-on. Long before Morris took the catch, the stumps were all out of the ground, certain were the players that he would not miss.

SCOTTISH SOCCER

London, August 18. Results of Scottish soccer games played today were:

"A" DIVISION		
Aberdeen	1 Celtic	0
Albion Rovers	3 St Mirren	2
Clyde	3 Dundee	3
East Fife	0 Motherwell	1
Harris	3 Third Lanark	2
Morton	2 Forthwick Th.	1
Queen of S.	1 Hibernians	1
Rangers	4 Falkirk	3
"B" DIVISION		
Ayr United	2 St. Johnstone	2
Cowdenbeath	2 Dumbarton	2
Hamilton	1 Raith Rovers	3
Queen's Park	2 Kilmarnock	3
Stenhousemuir	2 Stirling A.L.	5
Dunfermline	1 Dunfermline	1

—Reuter.

Batting Averages

London, August 18. Arthur Morris, Australian, year-old left-hand opening batsman, topped the batting averages for this season's Test series with 87.00.

Dennis Compton had the best batting analysis on the English side with 62.44.

Ray Lindwall, Australia's bowler, headed the bowling figures, taking 27 Test wickets for an average of 19.02.—Reuter.

TOBACCO FAMINE IN BRITAIN

London, August 18. The National Union of Retail Tobacconists have protested strongly to the Board of Trade against the Board's recent decision to cut tobacco supplies from bond to manufacturers by 16-2/3 per cent.

They accused the Board, in a statement issued today, of being "gravely misleading" in stating that the cut would not materially affect cigarette supplies in face of the nationwide cigarette famine, which seriously threatens Britain's production drive and has summoned Cabinet Ministers hurriedly back from holiday in an attempt to alleviate the situation.

The continuing public, the statement complained, were "far less tolerant than during the years and are very disgruntled and extremely dissatisfied." "Reports are coming in from various parts of the country of rather ugly scenes," the statement added.

The cigarette position had already been discussed by a meeting of Ministers held in London last Monday. It is understood that Sir Alexander will take up the question of a Government statement with Mr. Wilson.

Tobacconists all over the country report that they are totally unable to meet the present demand for cigarettes.—Reuter.

MOSCOW TRAINING

Tokyo, August 19. A 1,000 hand-picked Japanese prisoners of war in the Soviet Union were being trained at the Moscow University as camp leaders among "ideologically backward" Japanese prisoners. The Jiji Press reported today.

The paper, quoting recent reports, said the total number of Japanese prisoners of war remaining to be repatriated probably did not exceed 300,000. The remaining 170,000 have died in prison camps, the paper added.—Reuter.



FRANCE won the first gold medal of the recent Olympic Games when a French girl proved an easy winner in the women's discus throw. The girl, Miss Ostermeyer (above right), is congratulated by a compatriot after her victory.—AP Photo.

First Move For Parliament For All Europe

Paris, August 18. France today decided to invite the Government of five Western States to join in talks on setting up a Parliament of Europe.

This decision, made at a Cabinet meeting with President Vincent Auriol in the chair, was the first move towards this goal made by any nation at a government level.

France, calling on Britain, Holland, Belgium and Luxembourg to attend a preparatory conference in Brussels not later than November, was responding to a memorandum from the European Unity Co-ordination Committee sent to all five less than 24 hours ago.

The League Congress last May, The French Foreign Minister, Robert Schuman, obtained the Cabinet's support for two steps to be taken before the National Assembly adjourns in August for summer recess.

1.—To invite the other four nations to the preparatory conference.
2.—To invite the French National Assembly to name 25 members or prominent people outside Parliament as delegates to the talks.

The memorandum of the International Co-ordination Committee suggests that the preparatory conference should consist of 25 delegates from France, 25 from Britain, 11 from Belgium, 11 from Holland and three from Luxembourg.

Procedure

The conference would make recommendations on which countries would be represented in the European Assembly, the number and allocation of seats, the method of selection of representatives, rules of procedure and the first session.

A rapid formation of a Consultative and Advisory European Assembly is intended pending such time as the nations should be willing to delegate a part of their sovereignty to a European authority.

The recommendations, which were drawn up by a subcommittee headed by the former French Premier, M. Paul Ramadier, say it is hoped that all European countries will eventually take part.

"However, since there are a number of countries which, for political or other reasons, cannot at present participate, it will be necessary initially to limit the scope of the Assembly to the representatives of the nations which have demonstrated their desire for collaboration by adhering to the European Recovery Convention."

Assembly Functions

The functions of the Assembly would include:
1.—To express the desire of the European peoples for unity and peace.
2.—To consider practical measures to secure the progressive political and economic integration of Europe.
3.—To study the problems inherent in the creation of a European Union.
4.—To approve a Charter of Human Rights and make proposals to set up a European Supreme Court.

CZECH WOMEN'S GAMES LEADER WON'T GO HOME

London, August 18. Mrs. Marie Prevaznikova, leader of the Czechoslovakian women's Olympic team, declared today, "I am a political refugee and proud of it." She thus joined a group of six other Czech and two Hungarian Olympic performers who have refused to go home.

National Emergency Speculation

Nanking, August 19. Dr. Hollington Tong, Government spokesman, declared this afternoon he had "no information" regarding widespread speculation as to whether President Chiang Kai-shek would declare a national emergency period and invoke Presidential emergency powers granted him under the provisional amendments of the Constitution.

At the same time, Dr. J. Leighton Stuart, the United States Ambassador to China, today categorically denied any reference had ever been made to the question of declaring a national emergency during his recent talks with President Chiang Kai-shek at Kuling.

Dr. Stuart told his recent visit to Kuling was "purely social." He added, however, it was "natural" that when he called on the President, they discussed "certain matters of mutual interest to the United States and China."

The unexpected return of President Chiang Kai-shek to the capital from Kuling last night provoked an unprecedented spate of "rumour" that a period of national emergency and its attendant results was about to be declared.

Press speculation suggested that the President discussed the promulgation of such an emergency with Dr. Stuart.—Reuter.

Illegal Radio Set

For possessing and maintaining an illegal radio transmitting station at No. 10 Arbutnot Road, ground floor, on July 28, Chan Ping was fined a total of \$4,000 or four months by Mr. F. X. d'Almeida at Central yesterday.

Chan, who was found guilty of maintaining the set, was fined \$5,000 or two months and a woman, Cheung Wing-chun, a woman, was fined \$1,500 for being the occupier of the premises on which the set was installed.

When the Police raided the premises, the set was being operated. The second defendant was seen trying to hide part of it. In the adjoining room occupied by third defendant an illegal extension had been made to the telephone. A number of code books, of Spain, was also found on the premises.

Dublin, August 18. Australia's Olympic swimmers set up eight new Irish records in winning every event in a match against Ireland here tonight.—Reuter.

UNHAPPY MARRIAGES ON THE INCREASE

London, August 18. Marital failures are increasing in virtually every nation in the world simply because there is no adequate preparation for marriage, mental hygienists heard today.

Doctor E. E. Griffith, consultant to the Marriage Guidance Council of Britain, told the International Conference on Mental Hygiene that 25 per cent of the marriages in some countries are failing.

In Britain as much as 20 per cent are failing. Dr. Griffith gave some more figures to alarm the mental hygienists. He said sex relations before marriage were on the increase as were illegitimacy, abortions and venereal disease.

"One in four of all women in this country who marry for the first time" he declared, "is already pregnant."

The causes were widespread economic insecurity, materialism combined with the lack of a creative outlet and ignorance of basic biological, psychological and spiritual principles in personal relationships. In Britain in 1930 there were only 500 divorces and separations; this year there will be about 50,000, Dr. Griffith said.

"Adequate marriage preparation will go far to remove frustration, fear and anxiety which dominate so many marriages and destroy family life. This must be preceded by widespread education in school in the principles of sex and personal relations."—Associated Press.

PONTIFF TO BROADCAST

Rome, August 18. The Press Office of the Catholic Action Organisation stated today that the Pope would broadcast to the youth of the world on September 12, during the Conclaves of Italian Youth of Catholic Action, to be held in Rome.

About 300,000 young men and women and 50 delegations of Catholic organisations will attend the Congress.

One object of this international meeting will be to establish a Secretariat in Rome for assisting collaboration between Catholic youth of all countries.—Reuter.

GIRL MUSICIAN CASE

Stockholm, August 18. A Foreign Office spokesman told the Associated Press today that the Swedish Foreign Office is making new representations to the Russian Embassy about Lydia Makarova, the Russian girl whose case has become known locally as the "Swedish Kosenkinn case."

The girl, who is 19, fled to Sweden in 1944. She is now refusing to comply with demands from the Russian Embassy that she go there to see the Ambassador, Tcherichiev.

The Russian charge d'affaires, Semen Basarov, was called to the Swedish Foreign Office tonight to receive an official Swedish request that the Russian "leave the girl alone," the spokesman said.

Makarova told the newspaper "Dagens", today that she dreams of going to Paris to continue her music studies but she is afraid to leave Sweden's protection.—Associated Press.

NEW DEAL FOR FALKLANDS

London, August 18. Mr. Miles Clifford, the Governor, will leave London on Monday for the Falkland Islands, taking back with him plans to liberalise the British Antarctic Territory's constitution, a Colonial Office source said today.

The Governor has been conferring with the Colonial Secretary, Mr. Arthur Creech Jones, and Colonial Office chiefs for the past month on plans for the economic and constitutional development of the strategically important Imperial outpost.

A Colonial Office informant said that an official statement of the Governor's deliberations will be issued soon after he returns to the Colony.—Associated Press.

ECA CHIEF IN AUSTRIA

Paris, August 18. Mr. Westmore Wilcox, consultant to the Economic Co-operation Administration in the United Kingdom, has been appointed ECA mission chief in Austria. Mr. Averell Harriman, the United States special representative in Europe, announced today.

Mr. Wilcox will leave for Vienna this week.—Reuter.

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